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Wendell Smith's SPORTS BEAT

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It Happens After Every Fight

CHICAGO—There was nothing in Johnny Bratton's dressing room but an air of utter futility, a gloomy hopelessness . . . like you'd find in an undertaker's parlor on Christmas Eve.

There he was, stretched out like a prized denizen of the sea, lying on the dressing room table, limp and immobile, breathing desperately and laboriously, like fish that had ventured too close to the shoreline and had been hooked by a patient, yet desperate, angler.

His handsome features had been twisted and contorted into a monstrous state by Kid Gavilan, the welterweight champion, who makes the sign of the cross between rounds and then proceeds to annihilate his fellow man with a barbaric ruthlessness and savagery that is akin to cannibalism.

His eyes were swollen and through puffed and punished lips came words that were hardly audible.

"I just didn't have it tonight," he confessed. "Gavilan was just too good."

"I couldn't get a good shot at him. He was always moving, ducking my best punches."

His manager, Hymie Wallman, a man who sells mink coats, came through the crowd and proceeded to wrap Bratton in a blanket. He didn't want the fighter to catch cold.

"What happened," asked one of the few jovial people in the congregation, "To your minks?"

Bratton figured he had a chance all the way . . . "Nothing," said the manager. "What happened tonight happened to my fighter. He couldn't get off, couldn't come through with the punch that would have made him the champion. That Gavilan is a great fighter, don't let anyone tell you otherwise. He can cope with any situation, beat any fighter in the division easily."

"I wanted to stop it at the end of the twelfth round. When Johnny came back to the corner, bleeding and wobbly, I said to him—I'm gonna stop it.

"This guy is beating your brains out. I don't think you should take this kind of punishment. You don't have a chance. He's too good for you. I'm gonna tell the referee we're all through.

"Bratton looked up at me and said—'If you tell the referee to stop it, I'll never speak to you again as long as I live. I'm not going to quit. If this guy beats me, he'll have to knock me out. As long as I can stand on my feeet I've got a chance.' Wallman went on . . . He said he was going all the way, no matter what happened. I told him—'okay,' just try not to get hit any more. I don't think a fighter should take a lot of punishment, especially if he hasn't got a chance."

All this time, Wallman was doing the talking, and Bratton was lying there, stretched out like a corpse on the table. He was in no mood to be congenial.

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Galivan's Still the Welterweight "Champeen"

But over in Gavilan's dressing room, pandemonium reigned. The welterweight king was holding court. People of all races, and apparently from all places, were hugging and kissing him, embracing him like a man who had just returned from a concentration camp.

They threw the flag of Cuba around his broad shoulders and shouted words of congratulations in Spanish.

"I want Bobo Olson," said the victor. "He's the middleweight champ and that's the title I'm going after."

The photographers swarmed around the Keed, like a flock of hungry parasites and snapped his glowing countenance from all angles. The champion was obliging, smiling and grinning like a ham actor in a class "B" movie.

"He couldn't duck my left," said Gavilan in his version of the English language. "I miss with my right a lot, but I heet heem with the left all thee time. Funny, eh? Wot you theenk I theenk when I keep missing with my right and scoring with my left?

"I say to me, like this: 'keep throwing the left, to hell with the right. Wot you care how you ween, as long as you ween and kept the title'?"

Angel Lopez, the champion's manager, fought his way through the crowd and gave him a cup of carrot juice. "Drink this," he ordered. "It'll make you strong."

Gavilan gulped the contents and then resumed posing for the frantic photographers. "Was I not strong tonight?" he asked. "Was I not goot?"

You were "goot" they assured him, a superb fighter and a great champion. He won going away.

"That is all that matters," he said hapily. "All I care is whether I was goot and whether the peoples get their money's worth. If they got their money's worth, I don't care.

I am still the champeen . . . YES?

"Si, Senor," said his manager. "You are still the champeen. Now go take a shower before you catch cold."

Gavilan obeyed. He got up and went shuffling off toward the shower. The gentlemen of the press went shuffling out the door.

Jay SAYS

The Two Walcotts

EVERY TIME a world championship fight nears, old time fight fans grab their pocketbooks and try to back up their failing memories. They seem to forget that pencils and paper were made to jot things down and that try as one may, the old thinking faculties fail right when we don't suspect. Old timers meet us and slam a question at us in the same manner that baseball player hammers out a home run. And the worst part of it all is they expect a correct answer.

They don't get it because we are no encyclopedia on sports. We prefer to stall them off and go to the record books. Since that takes time our questioner is usually saved of some dough by the delay. Most of the time these questions are asked to settle bets. Wagering on one's memory is suicide.

A group of fans at Chicago's Midwest gym during the workouts of Kid Gavilan and Johnny Bratton were discussing old time fighters and comparing present day mitt artists with those of bygone era. Joe Walcott, the Barbados Demon, became the subject. Reason was some one never heard of Joe and had Jersey Joe Walcot, whose real name is Arnold Cream, in mind.

The orignal Joe Walcott was a welterweight. He was born in the West Indies in 1872. He weighed 145 pounds. We never saw him fight. He fought most of his battles in the east although he had eight bouts in San Francisco, three in Louisville, eight in Chicago, one in Kansas City and one in Minneapolis.

He defeated Frank Carpenter in three rounds in the Windy City on Nov. 1, 1894 and Frank Neill on Nov. 3, (two nights later) in eight. He fought a six-round draw with Tom Tracy in Chicago on Dec. 27, 1896. On Nov. 25, 1899 he decisioned Dan Creedon in six in Chicago and four nights later decisioned Creedon in Utica, N. Y., in 20 rounds.

CHICAGO FANS DIDN'T see Walcott again until Oct. 9, 1902 when he lost to Frank Childs in three rounds at the Chicago Athletic association. Frank, born July 17, 1867, in Texas, made Chicago his home. He was a heavy weight. Walcott had won the world welterweight title from Rube Fern on the referee's calling a foul on Walcott in the title battle. Fern was helpless. Walcott lost a lot of peculiar his title to Dixie Kid in San Francisco on April 30, 1904 and failed in to regain it in a rematch with Killer" was in 1902. Walcott, Dixie Kid a month later. eight champion, was Childs, a heavy- d fought Jack Johnes. "Joe the Giant a favorite to whip six round bout. They did a lot of things back in the bout in the fifth stanza as World welterweight title went to the referee's calling a t in the title battle. Childs in the six r into Childs at the first round but a Walcott tore opening of the first round but a Both fights were of 20 rounds

terrific left to the head took Joe by surprise. Frank gave Joe a sound whiping for three rounds so much that Walcott refused to answer the bell for the fourth. Joe claimed he had broken his right arm. The club physician found nothing wrong with Walcott's arm after the fight. The C. A. A. held up Walcott's share of the purse but eventually gave it to him.

In his quest to regain the world heavyweight championship Jersey Joe Walcott went out in the first round in Chicago this year. He was unable to gain his feet at the 10 count and ignobly ended his ring career. It was his last ring appearance here as he wouldn't draw a corporal's guard and the ending of the Walcott vs Child's fight was the original Joe's adieu to Chicago fans in 1902.

From The ★ PRESS ★ BOX

By CAL JACOX

Everybody's All-American

THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS' J. C. Caroline, a sophomore phenomenon who has Dixieland weeping in its frustration, has climaxed a brilliant year of play on the nation's gridiron's by being named to nearly every All-American team that has hit the newsstands in the past week.

In being chosen as a member of Look, Collier's, INS and UP All-American squads in the early rush, Caroline, if he never makes another one, has left his imprint of immortality upon major college football's record books and his feats are all the more remarkable when one is reminded that his eye-catching exploits were recorded in his first year of competition in big-time football. There is no great public clamor over the loss of the swift halfback to a Northern school in his native area of Columbia, S. C., but, quiet as it is kept, there are a healthy number of Southerners who are lamenting the stringent laws that deprived Dixie of the prestige his mercurial running would have brought to college in the land of the magnolias.

MR. JACOX

Caroline is a once-in-a-generation football player; a graduate of Columbia's B. T. Washington High he raced to an astounding total of 50 touchdowns during his scholastic career and, according to reports, only two colored colleges were interested enough to approach him with the idea in mind of adding him to the roster of their football teams . . . However, with the aid of an interested Columbia sportswriter, a couple of fans and his coach, Caroline, who may have been buried in anonymity in a colored college, wound up on the campus of Illinois where he lost no time in springing into the national spotlight of the Big Ten Conference, hailed far and wide as the toughest loop in the nation . . . Caroline has been the surprise of the 1953 football season; his brilliant breakaway runs—combined with the powerful plunges of teammate Mickey Bates who barely escaped sophomoric immortality himself—shot the Illini from the also-ran department to the top of the heap as one of football's outstanding elevens.

In the short space of seven Big Ten games, the kid from Columbia raced through the opposition for a total gain of 1,354 yards to break the sophomore record of 1,260 yards set by Red Grange back in 1923 . . . He exploded upon America's football conscious public with the brilliance of a fiery comet and with two more years of competition left his opportunity to become one of the game's greatest players is unlimited . . . Caroline, in emerging as the player of the year, has proved his ability under fire and down below the Mason-Dixon line the advocates of the separate schools and the sleeping colored college grid coaches can ponder the case of a top-notch athlete who was forced to carry his talents elsewhere and proceeded to stand the collegiate football world on its collective ear.

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Sam SAYS

Those Fabulous Trotters

Those Fabulous Harlem Globe Trotters, the greatest as well as the highest priced aggregation of basketball performers in the world, are returning to Chicago on Friday night, Nov. 27, against the Washington Generals, a team of Ex-collegians, at the Chicago stadium---for the benefit of Provident hospital, 426 East 51st street.

The game, sponsored by a Citizens Committee, with Mrs. Mary P. Adams, chairman, is the second annual affair. The hospital received 50 per cent of the tickets the committee sells up to 10 thousand. Robert H., Miller, well known south sider who is always active in civic affairs, is chairman of the ticket committee.

Handling the press will be co-chairmen Ralph W. Metcalfe and Jesse Owens. Bother were members of the 1936 United States Olympic track team and both ran on the record breaking U.S. 400-meters quartet in Berlin. Metcalfe was a member of the 1932 U.S. Olympic team and competed in Los Angeles. He became famous as Marquette University's (Milwaukee) outstanding track star of all time, as National A. A.U. and national collegiate champion. Ralph entered the service as a private, rose to a lieutenancy and was givne an award for his outstanding athletic program at an army camp in Lousiana. He coached track at Xavier after receiving his advanced degree in California then returned to "cast his buckets down in Chicago." At present he is Democratic committee-man of ward three, manager of a hotel, member of several civic organizations and a go-getter. He resigned as a member of the Illinois State Athletic Commission two years ago. He has served on the Mayors Commission of Human Relations.

Owens is the outstanding track athlete of the first half century. At Ohio State, Jesse continued to break records. Hitler snubbed him in Berlin. In 1951, touring Europe with the Harlem Globetrotters, 75,000 gave him an ovation in that very Berlin stadium where Hitler refused to shake his hand. The owner-coach of the Harlem Globetrotters, Abe Saperstein, insists that when the mayor of Berlin put his arms around Owens it was the biggest kick Saperstein had ever gotten out of athletics.

Jesse is secretary of the Illinois State Athletic Commission, has his own public relations office, his own t.v. and radio programs. He talks little about his feats but there are those who remember that day back in May 1935 when he smashed three and tied one world records and his world broad jump record won't go to the boards. At least not soon.

PROVIDENT hospital is an institution which serves a community of 400,000 citizens. In 1952 it cared for 6,509 bed patients, 16,500 emergency patients and served 51,058 clinic visitors. That year 1,181 babies were born there. It has a class A nursing school an d one of the best medical staffs in the country.

Truly, Provident is deserving of support. The tickets for the gala basketball game are on sale at the hospital. The Globetroters are forified this year with new players. Walter Dukes, All-American from Seteon Hall college in New Jersey, joins Goose Tatum, Marques Haynes, Josh Grider, Clarence Wilson and others which includes Junius Kellogg, fresh out of the army, to make the 1953 edition of the Trotters its greatest team in its 37-year-old hisory.

THE TIP - OFF

BY EMORY O. JACKSON

I am no longer a Jackie Robinson fan. It isn't Jackie's fault, may be. Both of us are victims of circumstance. This won't matter to anybody but me. On my side is a principle and on Jackie's is pay He hada contract and I had a conscience. We understand each other's position.

In my book, Jackie Robinson has symbolized and stood for all of that which is great in America. He **has helped to give meaning and vitality to democracy. He has championed the underdog and fought for first-class citizenship. One must admire and admit this.**

Early Sunday morning Mr Robinson called me at my home. He perhaps heard about my position with reference to his October 18 date at Rickwood Field. He wanted to make his position clear. In doing this he was in my opinion the real Jackie Robinson. What I say or do doesn't bother Jackie. He could ignore me. But he didn't.

Mr. Robinson said that when he first discussed the tour with his promoters neither Birmingham nor Memphis was discussed He signed a contract to play wherever he was booked. At the time of the booking, there was some talk that the "Birmingham Situation" would be cleared up it wasn't.

The Jackie Robinson All-Star tour with three white players was conceived as a tour which would aid the improvement of goodwill among people. Jackie thinks that it has accomplished excellent results and that the three white players have made a tremendous contribution to the new venture in practical sportsmanship. He has moved by the results. His voice and sincerity communicated to me something that gave me the feeling he was relating a big story.

Under his contract, Jackie said he could be sued for non-appearance. He has, he said, a contract that would net him a nice sum. He is not as financially secure, as some seem to think. He has a family to consider and could not afford the loss of money likely to be suffered through a breach of contract.

Lawyers, he said, had advised his promoters, so he learned, that an injunction could be secured against the enforcement of the sports segregation law. But the three white players likely would not have come here to play under those circumstances. Nobody could be sure what would happen. So legal actions were out. The white players were out.

Then there was the political angle. Temporary legal action would not accomplish what was necessary. It would hardly do away with the Jim Crow sports law and at the same time might be seized upon by politicians who use the race issue for vote-getting. Trends favor repeal of this law.

Under contract, Mr. Robinson said he was both helpless and blameless, he felt.

On October 13 and 14 I talked with Elwood Parsons front man for the Jackie Robinson's All-Stars. He thought that it was unfair to make Jackie the target. On October 15, Ted Worner, the promoter, came by the desk to discuss the matter and assumed full and total responsibility for the engagement and for benching the white players so that the game could be played as scheduled.

Birmingham, the "sucker town" of the South is a good baseball drawing city. So the promoters decided they were not going to give up this opportunity no matter under what conditions the game had to be played, it seems to me.

In addition to being a ball player, Jackie is a radio commentator and editor of a magazine. His chief writer S. W. (Swig) Garlington, probably will interview him on the "Birmingham engagement" and give fancy literary treatment to Jackie's visit to the Magic City.

"What you are fighting for is coming," Jackie comforted. He thought that the tour of the mixed team was in that direction. He wanted to reassure me that he was still on the side of those decent forces which are working for a better America and better citizenship. He was standing up to be counted.

" I try to do what I think is right," Jackie asserted. It doesn't matter so much what is said and written about me. I have made up my mind to do what is right." That was the real Jackie speaking, it seems to me.

Wendell Smith's SPORTS BEAT

Negroes Star in Pro and College Ranks . . .

Negro football players, backfield men in particular, are doing especially well this season in both college and professional ranks.

This is, in fact, one of their best years. Not since the days of Buddy Young and George Taliaferro, who sparkled at Illinois and Indiana, respectively, have they cut such a fancy figure across the national football panorama.

The brilliant feats of J. C. Caroline at Illinois have, perhaps, won more attention than the exploits of such professionals as Joltin' Joe Perry of the San Francisco 49ers and Deacon Dan Towler of the Los Angeles Rams.

Caroline has monopolized the headlines because he is a brand new actor on the pigskin stage. He is also starring for a college team that has surprised everyone and, on the basis of J. C.'s past performances, could wind up in the Rose Bowl this year.

This is, of course, being written before Caroline and Illinois try their luck against Michigan. But the fact remains that his dashes and dances in previous games have compelled the football writers to shower him with a barrage of superlatives equal to any heaped upon a college football player in many a year.

As of last Friday, Caroline was the nation's No. 1 rushing leader. He had gained 891 yards on the ground, 211 more than his closest rival, Ken Cardella of Arizona, who had 680.

Leading the nation means that the flash from South Carolina also tops the Big Ten in the ball-carrying department. In four conference games he had lugged the mail 554 yards for an amazing 7.7 average. Going into the Michigan game he was threatening the modern-day record of 774 yards set by Wisconsin's Alan Ameche in 1951.

Significantly, Caroline has been strictly a runner. He hadn't caught a pass nor thrown one. As of Friday, he was only 58 yards behind Paul Giel, the great halfback from Minnesota. Giel, meantime, has done everything, passed, caught passes and, of course, carried the ball. Giel, the experts insist, is sure to be an All-America selection again this season.

All of which prompts the question: Can Caroline be far behind, in view of the fact that he trails Giel by only 58 yards in total offense? The selectors will probably be inclined to give Giel more consideration because he is a senior, while Caroline is a mere sophomore. That has been the pattern in such cases down through the years. The senior gets it when, and if, there is a doubt in the minds of the guys who pick the mythical teams.

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Caroline, Bates Double Trouble . . .

But no one can say that Caroline, with only two more Big Ten games to play, hasn't been a terror this season. He, along with Mickey Bates, who, incidentally, topped the Big Ten in scoring at this writing, definitely "made" the Illinois team this season. Granted that they played behind a hard-charging line, these two brilliant Negro backs still had to zip through those holes in order to get the desired results, which they have done in an elegant and thrilling manner.

On the eve of the Michigan game, Bates had scored seven touchdowns in Big Ten competition. This speedy, swivel-hipped halfback isn't as fast as Caroline, but he's fast enough. The 42 points he had compiled to lead the toughest conference in the nation attests to that. He can hit the line with explosive-like suddenness, skirt the ends when necessary or roar through tackle.

This double potion of dynamite has caused many a coach sleepless nights. "How are you going to stop both those guys?," one Big Ten coach asked. "If you stop Caroline, Bates goes wild. If you stop Bates, Caroline ruins you. The only thing to do is tackle them both at the same time. But I haven't found anyone, or team, that has been able to do that." So much for those two college wizards.

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Towler Wants to Keep Ball-Carrying Crown . . .

In professional football, Perry and Towler are rolling merrily along, ripping the opposition's lines to shreds week after week.

Perry is the leading ground-gainer in the National Football League. Going into Sunday's game, he had carried the pigskin 532 yards, the longest gain of which was 51. He had averaged 5.1 yards in 104 carries.

The second best yard-gainer in the league was Towler. He had gained 396 in 79 attempts. His longest gain was 59 yards and his average was just a fraction behind Perry's, 5.0.

Perry, incidentally, was tied at week's end with three others in the league for sixth place in the scoring column. They all had 36 points. Towler, meantime, is not listed among the first ten in scoring. The Rams use him to wreck the opposing line and ask for nothing more.

Deacon Dan, however, is interested in retaining the ball-carrying honors he won in the National League last season. In 1952 he led the circuit when he gained 894 yards on 156 attempts for an average of 5.7. He was 146 yards ahead of the second ball carrier, Eddie Price of the New York Giants.

Towler, who makes the scales groan with his 230 pounds of beef and muscle, was the first Los Angeles player in the history of the league to win the ball-carrying title. He gained more than 100 yards in a game three times during the 1952 season. His best effort was 134 yards against the Chicago Bears. He gained 132 against San Francisco and 111 against the Texans, now playing in Baltimore.

Towler led the league in ball-carrying, Price was second and Perry, with 725 yards in 158 attempts, was third. This season, however, it appears that Towler and Perry are going to battle it out for the ground-gaining honors. Price is not listed among the first ten.

Thus, summing everything up, Negro players are really rolling this season in both the college and professional ranks. Perry tops the pro league in yardage and Caroline the college ranks.

Suppose a coach had Caroline, Bates, Perry and Towlers playing in the backfield for his team. He'd sleep like a new-born babe every night in the year, no doubt.

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Irvin Moves Giants as Dodgers Wait for Black

NEW YORK CITY—Monty Irvin is physically fit again and that means the New York Giants are ready to make their move in the current National League pennant race. It also means that plenty of trouble lies ahead for the league-leading Brooklyn Dodgers. Even when the Giants were faltering and stumbling around blindly a month ago, they were rough on the Dodgers. Now that Monty has hit his stride, the Giants, who at this stage of the race are only eight games out of first place, are ready to chase Brooklyn all the way to the wire.

Late in 1951, the Giants came from nowhere and clinched the pennant in one of the most dramatic drives in all baseball history. The big gun in the attack that year was Monty Irvin. Last year, however, they weren't much trouble because Monty broke his ankle in the spring and was on the sidelines most of the season.

In '51, the saying was: "As Irvin goes, so go the Giants." They're saying the same thing again. If Irvin gets going, so will the Giants.

At the start of the current season, Leo Durocher said: "What we do this year all depends on the big guy, Irvin. If his ankle is strong and can hold him up most of the year, we'll be in the thick of the fight.

"If he can't play, however, then we don't have much chance. He is the key man on this ball club, the one man who can make the difference between first place and fourth for us."

At this writing, the Giants are one game out of fourth place and two games out of third. The reason the Giant fans are optimistic is that Monty is starting to clout the ball again, and they are confident that their club will move up rather than down in the coming weeks.

In one game alone last week, for example, Irving slammed in seven runs. In the first inning against Pittsburgh, he doubled home three and, in the eleventh, blasted in four more with a game-winning, bases-loaded homer.

After the Giants' last trip through the west, Irvin was convinced that his leg was strong enough again. "I am ready to roll now," he said in Chicago. "The ankle is well, and I'm ready to start hitting."

The following week, he showed that he really was ready to roll. In the next five games, he hit at a .522 clip, ringing out 12 hits in 23 trips to the plate. His batting average jumped to .319.

Black Has Good Stuff . . . No Control

Meantime, while Irvin is making the move that is calculated to save the Giants, the Dodgers are trying to figure out what is wrong with the man who saved them last year, Joe Black.

Black was great last year. But this season he has been nothing more than mediocre, just another pitcher on Brooklyn's wobbly staff. Here in New York, the most persistent rumor is that if Black doesn't come around soon, he will be shipped back to the minors. He is ticketed for either Montreal or St. Paul, Brooklyn farm clubs.

As Durocher depends upon Irvin, so Charlie Dressen, boss of the Dodgers, depends upon Black. At the start of the season, Dressen appeared to be the most optimistic manager in the majors. He had every reason to believe that Black would even surpass has achievements of 1952.

"Now that Joe Black has had a full year in the majors," he said, "he should be a much better pitcher. I think we'll win the pennant again, mainly because Joe figures to win many more games in '53 than he did in '52."

But, thus far, Black has not approached his '52 record. No one can figure out why. He still seems to have good stuff on the ball. It's one of the unexplainable mysteries of baseball. How can a guy be so good one season and so bad the next?

Black is as puzzled about his ineffectiveness as anyone else. "I don't know what's wrong," he frankly admits. "I think I'm just as fast as last season. I believe my curve ball is just as sharp.

"But with all that, I can't get anybody out. They've been teeing off on me as though I were a sandlot pitcher. Perhaps it's my control. It's not what it was last year. I haven't been getting the ball where I should, haven't been able to throw it to the right spots. As a result, they're hitting me all over the place. If I ever get my control, I think I'll be okay again."

Somebody in Brooklyn had better find out what is wrong with the big, personable pitcher very soon. If they don't, the Dodgers' chances of winning the pennant again are going to be very slim . . . and the Giants' very big.

The Giants are moving up on Irvin's big bat. The Dodgers are bound to slip unless Black can come to the rescue, like he did last year. All of which makes the coming weeks most interesting. Milwaukee, St. Louis and Philadelphia are still in it, of course. But the Giants are just starting to make their move, whereas the others have made theirs and now figure to level off.

Irvin won the pennant for the Giants in '51. Black won it for the Dodgers in '52. Ironically, each once again holds the destiny of his team in his hand.

Right now, they are the two most important players in the National League. It's all very interesting when you consider the fact that, at one time, they wouldn't let Negro players perform in the big leagues.

Prep Coach Honor Roll

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All pertinent information from all the nominees for the Courier's "Coach of the Year" listed below is needed by the selection committee. Will the coaches who have not already done so, send immediately, picture and background facts on their education, personal and coaching experiences to Will Robinson, 200 Lawyers Building, 139 Cadillac Square, Detroit 26, Mich.

A. Ruben Alba	Tuskegee Inst. High	Tuskegee Inst. Ala.
Elmer Baker	B. T. Washington Hi	Atlanta, Ga.
Isaac Baldwin	Monroe County Hi	Amory, Miss.
J. Chink Baldwin	Johnson High	Columbia, S. C.
C. H. Baltimore	Armstrong High	Washington, D. C.
Andrew Belle	Ashford High	Ashford, Ala.
Luther Bligen	Avery High	Charleston, S. C.
Knute Burroughs	Buffalo High	Accoville, W. Va.
A. B. Calvin	Scipio A. Jones High	N. Little Rock, Ark.
Jesse Cook	B. T. Washington Hi	Montgomery, Ala.
Z. L. Davis	Douglas High	Huntington, W. Va.
S. H. Gardner	Maggie L. Walker Hi	Richmond, Va.
Joseph M. Greene	Alfred E. Beach High	Savannah, Ga.
W. F. Grice Jr.	Adkin High	Kinston, N. C.
W. J. Gupton	Pearl Senior High	Nashville, Tenn.
Nelson Higgins	Hillside High	Durham, N. C.
Fitzhugh Houston	Slater High	Bristol, Tenn.
M. A. Johnson	Kimball High	Kimball, W. Va.
P. R. Kirkpatrick	Lincoln High	Kansas City, Mo.
Joe Martin	Wayne High	Lockland, Ohio
John H. Merckson		Atlanta, Ga.
Harold Millon	W. Cohen High	New Orleans, La.
C. Montgomery	Florida A.&M. High	Tallahassee, Fla.
Millard A. Naylor	Howard High	Wilmington, Del.
Pat Pattison	Lubbock High	Lubbock, Texas
William Reed	Western High	Paris, Ky.
Charles T. Rhode	Mobile Co. Training	Plateau, Ala.
L. H. Ritcherson	A. J. Moore High	Waco, Texas
C. W. Rutherford	Brooks High	Quitman, Ga.
Ray T. Sheppard	Central High	Galveston, Texas
Robert Smith	Beverly High	Charlottesville, Va.
L. J. Thomas	Carroll High	Monroe, La.
John Thomas	Solomon M. Coles Hi	Corpus Christi, Tex.
James Wilkinson	R. T. Coles Voc. Jr.	Kansas City, Mo.
J. K. Williams	Dumas High	Dumas, Ark.
Eihanier Willis	Park Central School	Bluefield, W. Va.
W. Raleigh Wynn	Prentiss Institute	Prentiss, Miss.

Fritz Pollard Explains Reasons For Having A Negro Hall of Fame

The Call Kansas City, Mo.

By FRITZ POLLARD

NEW YORK — (GLOBAL) — There is so much controversy at the present time about the various Halls of Fame. I thought it might be a good idea to explain why I founded the Negro Athlete Hall of Fame. 1-30-53

In the past two years there have been no elections to the Football Hall of Fame. They can make the Sullivan Awards, Helms' Awards and others, but there is always going to be a controversy about who should have been awarded, who should have been elected, and who should not have been elected. P. 12

Not Segregation

For some reason people are inclined to believe that the newly organized "Negro Athlete Hall of Fame" is a segregated institution. It is not. Perhaps a little understanding of my background will explain my reasons for wanting to establish such an institution.

I knew nothing about segregation until after I had entered college. I was born in an all-white community—attended grade school and high school with my brothers and sisters, and we were the only colored students who attended. My father was a barber and my mother was a seamstress. We became an integral part of the community. The question of segregation was never allowed to enter our minds. We attended the churches in the community; we engaged in all athletic activities in the community and were a part of the social life of the community.

Whenever we were not invited to a party or social gathering, we never took it upon ourselves to think that an invitation was not extended to us because of our color—we merely felt that these particular people did not want us.

Above Humiliation

I grew up with this philosophy until, after my collegiate days, I went to a hotel with a professional football team. They told me the last room was gone. Instead of feeling humiliated, my attitude was that "I was too good for the hotel." If I went into a restaurant and they appeared not to want to serve my, my attitude was the same.

When I went to the coal region of Pennsylvania to play professional football, I was threatened. A police escort took me to the game, stayed on the field at halftime to give me protection and took me from the field after I had played 60 grueling minutes of football.

A week later I was invited to the grade and high schools to lecture. However, I learned later that the real reason they invited me was to let the children in the coal region see what a modern Negro looked like. I took no offense, but felt proud I was a Negro and that I had "equalized" myself to such an extent that I was accepted.

With these things in mind and with the experiences I had, I felt it necessary to establish such an organization and name it the "Negro Athlete Hall of Fame," so that the people of this country could realize that Negroes are capable of doing many things for themselves and to encourage the Negro, not with the idea of segregation, but with the idea that a Negro organization does not have to be a segregated organization.

To Include Whites

Our Negro Athlete Hall of Fame could take in such men as Coach Brown of the Cleveland Indians, Bill Veek, Branch Rickey, Herman Hickman of Yale, Otto Graham of the Cleveland Browns, Bob Waterfield of the L. A. Rams and other outstanding heroes who have stood by and helped the Negro athlete become famous.

It appears that the majority of our complaints have come from people who themselves have attended Negro grade and high schools, and Negro colleges. Some have become doctors, and have been forced to go to Negro hospitals for their internship. These people, of course, are sensitive and react unfavorably to any project or organizations that is labled Negro. I hope they will remember that our designating Negro Hall of Fame has been done with the desire to extol those Negroes who have achieved, and all others who have helped to make it possible, so that future generations may be aware of the fine work of our Negro athletes.

Ferris Praises N. J. Star

Campbell Called World's Top All-Around Athlete

Sports Writer P.18

By PAT ROBINSON
International News Service

NEW YORK—Milton Campbell, a 19-year-old New Jersey high school boy, is the greatest all-around athlete the world has ever known.

For that broad statement you will have to take the word of Dan (AAU) Ferris and all the baseball, football, basketball and track and field coaches we have talked to in the last year.

"THIS LAD Campbell," says Ferris, "probably never will set any scholastic records but you can bet the family bankroll that he can do more things better in athletics than any man in the world today."

That's an amazing statement coming, as it does, from the white-haired, calm boss of the AAU, who has been running track meets for more than half a century.

Dan continued: "I've seen many wonderful athletes in my time. Fellows who were outstanding stars at two or three sports and even fellows like Jim Thorpe who were great in many more.

"BUT CAMPBELL is going to make up forget them all. Here's why. He's better equipped physically than any of the former all-around wonders. He is 6' 3" tall and weighs 220 but despite his size he is a brilliant sprinter.

"And the boy is amazingly strong. Why, I've seen him take an empty beer can and crush it like an eggshell between two fingers. Try that one sometime and you'll see what I mean."

Dan thinks the big boy is inclined to be lazy but, he adds, he will go all out when he has to.

DAN SAYS Campbell can't miss winnings the next Olympic Decathlon. "He was runner-up to Bob Mathias last year when he was only 18. Imagine what he will do three years from now when he will be 22."

"He can do anthing in track and field. Sprint, hurdle, throw the hammer, javelin, discus or putt the shot, and broad jump and high jump.

"As a fullback on his high school team he had the speed to skirt the ends and the power to crash the line like a Bronko Nagurski. If he ever plays football in college he will be a sure-fire All-American selection."

HE TRIED to enter Penn State but he couldn't make it so he will go to prep school for a year.

If and when he does get to college there will be a battle among the various caoches for his services. One surely will want him as a basketball center. Another will want him to pitch for the baseball team.

And, believe it or not, the swimming coach will want him. He is such a good swimmer that Ferris says he could have made the Olympic team as a swimmer if he had cared to concentrate on that.

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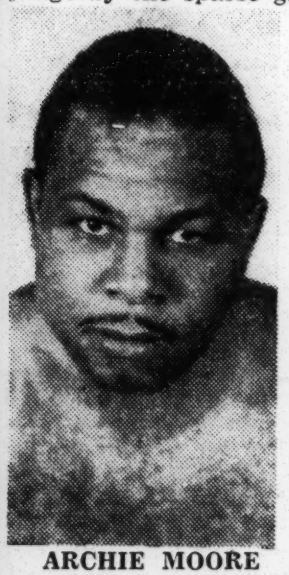
Red Smith

VIEWS OF SPORT

IF ONE may judge by the images that lunged and struggled and writhed across the television screen, Ogden, Utah, was an ideal site for Archie Moore's successful defense of his light heavyweight title against Joey Maxim. Yet, if one may judge by the sparse gathering in Ogden Municipal Stadium, Ogden did not think so. Ogden seemed to feel that the match belonged in Hobart, Tasmania.



ARCHIE MOORE

In the past, religious scruples have forbidden any effort to score a fight on points when it is seen—as through a glass, darkly—by courtesy of the cathode ray tubes. Just for fun, however, a card was filled out in this instance, round by round. Considering how much of detail is lost in transmission as the micro-wave skips from mountain to mountain, the similarity between this score and those of the officials at ringside was surprising.

Here the count was nine rounds for Moore, five for Maxim and one even. One official had it virtually the same way—eight, five and two. The others made it a trifle closer—eight-seven in one case, seven-six-two in the other.

Television created one distraction which the officials didn't have to contend with. The announcer had viewers watching for "a secret weapon, a new-type punch, which Maxim has developed." It is still secret.

When he peeled for the camera, Maxim looked fat, yet he couldn't have been carrying much surplus suet because he weighed in at 175 pounds. First time he boxed Ezzard Charles he was 181½ pounds.

He was all right at the beginning, too. He moved lightly. Trouble with Joey, he also punches that way. His blows never seemed to disconcert Moore, but in the early rounds Maxim was getting off first, beating his adversary to the punch and hitting, it appeared, with greater accuracy.

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Joey got the votes here in the early going while Moore was trying to cuddle. Later on Archie alternated between swinging the heavier stuff at fairly long range and charging Maxim in awkward rushes. This appeared to wear Joey down; chances are he couldn't have lasted much more than 30 rounds.

The over-all impression was that of two elderly gentlemen engaged in a childish pursuit which no longer becomes them. There is supposed to be a time of life when a man settles down and acquires a dignity befitting his age.

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So the world rolls on and one record remains unbroken: No light heavyweight champion ever has regained that title after losing it. This is not altogether astonishing. The light heavyweight title is something which a man, having picked it up inadvertently in a crowd, endeavors to shake off swiftly, like the common cold.

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As a sort of precaution against accident, the Brooklyn Dodgers are going to play the New York Yankees on Monday night instead of waiting to meet them in the World Series in October. In view of recent developments, it seems a wise precaution.

The game is for the benefit of the kids who play on the sandlots of New York. In two years, receipts from this annual exhibition have provided $165,000 toward recreational facilities in the big town.

In recent years, these two clubs have been tangling in the autumn for cash stakes totaling more than $2,000,000. In this engagement they do battle for one wristwatch, the same being a prize which goes to the player deemed to have made the outstanding individual contribution toward the entertainment.

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Last year the award went to Kal Segrist, of the Yankees. It just happened that there were several such presentations made to Segrist last summer. Within a comparatively short space, he received more wristwatches than the average ball player has wrists. Presumably he is sitting up nights winding them this summer, in Kansas City.

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This will be the Yankees' only exhibition game during the season. It sets a fellow to wondering what has become of the barnstorming dates which big league teams used to arrange to keep their hirelings out of mischief on days off. A few years ago all the clubs booked a half-dozen or so mid-summer junkets to Indianapolis or South Bend, Ind. Or Malone, N. Y., which was —in the Prohibition era—an island of baseball enthusiasm in a sea of Canadian ale.

This year the Yankees planned only one exhibition, in Milwaukee's new County Stadium. Arrangements fell through when letters sent to "Richard Smith, General Manager, Milwaukee Brewers," came back stamped "addressee unknown." As things have turned out, the Yankees could have gone ahead and played the Braves and picked up maybe $25,000 toward bat boy's salary.

Ten Years Slip By

TEN YEARS IS A short time as time goes. When the St. Louis Browns were last in Chicago to play the White Sox at Comiskey park, the subject of the folk seated near us was Mr. Satchel Paige. "Same old cuss, Satchel," was the way we put it. It slyly added "except age is beginning to tell a bit." Which of course was the truth. No one can expect life to go on forever.

So, our minds drifted back 10 years. To be exact it was on Sunday afternoon, July 18, 1943 at Wrigley Field, Chicago. On that day Leroy Satchel Paige was honored—the elongated fellow who he received many beautiful gifts. He then showed his appreciation by stepping to the mound and pitching five innings for the Memphis Red Sox (believe it or not) and the Negro American Leaguers triumphed one to nothing over the New York Cubans of the Negro National League—since folded up.

Paige got credit for the victory when Neil Robinson, the fleet center fielder of the Red Sox hammered a homer into the left field of the Cubs park in the second inning for the only run of the game.

But Satchel was "in his sins." He fanned seven batters. Not a ball was hit out of the infield in the five innings Paige toiled. Only two men reached first base—both on walks. However, neither runner got to second. Satchel received a great round of applause when he retired. The win credit went to Paige.

Porter Moss, now dead, hurled the last four innings for the Memphis club. He, too, was brilliant. Moss yielded two hits in four innings, walked three and struck out two.

Dave "Impo" Barnhill went the full route for Alex Pompez' Cubans. He allowed three hits, the lone run coming on Robinson's homer. He fanned seven. HE WALKED NONE.

The afternoon's entertainment was a four team doubleheader, the Birmingham Black Barons defeating the Cincinnati Clowns, 7 to 0, in the second game.

Luis Louden, who later got a tryout in big league baseball, caught for the New Yorkers. Larry Brown did the backstopping for the Memphis team. Behind the plate doing the umpiring was the late Virgil Blueitt.

HOW THINGS HAVE changed. Abe Saperstein, who helped promote the game, is "out of Negro baseball." He is part owner of the St. Louis Browns and, of course, is now the Barnum of sports with his fabulous Globetrotters basketball teams. The late Robert R. Church was the guest of Dr. J. B. Martin, serving his second term of six years as sanitary district trustee and president of the Negro American league. At that time Martin also was president of the Chicago American Giants. The Giants were sold to Saperstein who operated the club for two years but decided to withdraw this season in order to devote his entire time to his basketball promotions which takes him to Europe and Africa each summer. His team will start its 27th season this fall.

Of the players in the famous 1943 game, only Paige remains active. Like "Old Man River," he just keeps rolling along. The Clowns call Indianapolis their home town. The Black Barons still function. The Cubans folded although Pompez was willing to continue at a great financial sacrifice. He liked the game. It was a hobby with him. He is a cigar manufacturer in New York today.

And in September, 1946, Larry Doby, now centerfielder for the Cleveland Indians, was playing second base for the Newark Eagles and his teammate, Monte Irvin, now outfielder with the New York Giants, was playing shortstop. Henry Thompson, now with the New York Giants, was at second for the Kansas City Monarchs when these two teams hooked up in the 1946 Negro world series. Willard Brown, now with the Dallas white club, was in center field for the Monarchs.

Both Brown and Thompson played a short time for the St. Louis Browns.

SAYS

Chicago Defender

July Fourth

THE KANSAS CITY Monarchs and the Indianapolis Clowns meet at Comiskey park, Chicago, on July 4. Tom Baird's Monarchs, with John O'Neil managing, can be relied upon to give a good account of themselves. Since the founding of the old Negro National league in Kansas City's Paseo Y back in 1920, with the late Andrew Rube Foster as president, the Monarchs have been, at all times, one of the strongest teams in the league.

When the western circuit became the Negro American league, the Monarchs consistently were a first division team with league championships and "colored world series" titles being grabbed off by the Missourians time and again. The names of famous players on that club would easily make one believe he was reading a "Who's Who" in Negro baseball.

Mendez, Mothel, Heavy Johnson, McNair, Rogan, Moore, Frank Duncan, Donaldson are only a few of the oldtimers who preceded Newt Allen, Joseph, Lefty Cooper, Jesse Williams and still later, Jackie Robinson, now with the Brooklyn Dodgers, Gene Baker, the infielder with Los Angeles whom the Chicago Cubs didn't give a fair break in the 1953 spring training season, and others.

Baird has sent more Monarch players to the minors, and some like pitcher Johnson who went to the Chicago White Sox and Henry Thompson, now with the New York Giants; Willard Brown, who was signed with the St. Louis Browns along with Thompson and dropped after a short time (Brown is now with Dallas) than all the other Negro baseball club owners added up together.

Some claim that Tom "has the connections." Satchel Paige, laughed at by many as being too old, is still in there pitching as a reliefer for Bill Veck's St. Louis Browns and Dizzy Dismukes, the old underhand ball artist for the old Indianapolis A.B.C.s under the late C. I. Taylor, and later for Foster's American Giants and still later pitcher, then business manager for the Monarchs, is now a full time scout for the New York Yankees. Also John Donaldson, who makes his home in Chicago and was once the Monarchs' ace hurler dating back to the pre-Monarch days when J. L. Wilkerson signed John as a pitcher-outfielder for the All Nations, is scout for the Chicago White Sox.

Looks like both Baird and the Monarchs have done "pretty well" for themselves. He paid Robinson $500 per month for playing shortstop and that was more money than Jackie received for playing with the Montreal Royals of the International league.

AS FOR SYD Pollock's Indianapolis Clowns, one can assure the fans that his team has been a crowd pleaser. Like for the New York Yankees, the fans turn out wherever they play. It's baseball plus added entertainment. This year Pollock presents the first woman in Negro baseball. She comes from Minneapolis, plays second base and draws the applause of the paid customers.

The Tugerson brothers from Florida who caused such a furore when signed by Hot Springs were sent "up" by Pollock and Aaron, shortstop, missed last year's East vs West game because he went to the Wisconsin league.

As July 4 nears, our mind drifts over to boxing. It was on July 4, 1934 that Joe Louis started his professional career at Bacon's Casino, 49th and Wabash, Chicago, by knocking out Jack Kraken.

Joe Gans lost the world lightweight championship to Bat Nelson on July 4, 1908 in Francisco. Nelson who had fo Gans to take off too much po nd-age in making the 133-pound weight knocked Gans out in the 17th round. Gans had won the championship from Nelson on a foul in the 42nd round in Goldfield, Nev., on Sept. 3, 1906. For this feat, he recieved $11,000. The balance of the $34,000 purse 23,000 went to Nelson, the loser. Nelson is now broke. Gans died in Baltimore in 1910. The fight was staged by the late Tex Richard who also put on the Jack Johnson versus Jim Jefferies bout (Tex refereed this one) in Reno, Nev., on July 4, 1910, when Jeff was knocked out in his unsuccessful attempt to wrest the world championship from Johnson.

Derby Winner—John Malloy, center, gets a kiss from his mother, Mrs. John Wright Davis, after winning the Winston-Salem Soap Box Derby. John is the first Negro youth to win the race, and lives in Durham, N. C. His brother, Eddie, left, won the Durham Derby last year and placed eighth in the National Derby in Akron, Ohio. John will go to Akron, Ohio, for the National Derby to be held Aug. 9.

Ned Irish Defends Shuns Negro Cage Teams

Chicago Ill.

NEW YORK — (ANP) — With the release of basketball dates for Ned Irish's annual college series, the absence of any colored college team is as noticeable as the absence of Notre Dame.

The South Bend university has been one of the mainstays of the Garden double headers since the program began 20 years ago. Their series with New York University was the stellar attraction, as boxing announcers yelp, of the whole shindig.

This year Notre Dame and NYU continue their series uninterupted but strictly on a home and home basis, the first game being at South Bend this season.

Holding to his lily-white policy, promoter Ned Irish has again ignored crack colored teams in the 17-night program. But promoter Irish found a spot for the Rio Grandle college team which created such a sensation last year because of its star player, Bevo Francis. Irish's explanation is that these games are between "rivals." So a "rival" was created for Rio Grande, Adelphi college of Long Island.

Henderson's Comments

By EDWIN B. HENDERSON
(For the NPA News Service)

No group of Americans have contributed more to racial goodwill and human understanding than colored athletes.

Jesse Owens and his cohorts in the 1936 Olympics helped weaken the underpinnings of Hitlerian fascist racism. But here at home colored boys competing on baseball and football teams in the South have played major roles in reducing barriers in the South.

For the first time in 50 years of existence of the Sally League, colored boys played on teams operating in Georgia, Florida and South Carolina. They were Al Israel, Fleming Keedy of the Savannah (Ga.) Indians, Horace Garner, Henry Aaron and Frank Mentillo of the Jacksonville (Fla) Braves. Aaron was voted most valuable player.

Three In Piedmont

The Piedmont League in Virginia gave tryouts to three colored players. Three colored boys — Lacy Ellerbee, Joseph Cook and Edward Isley of Washington, D.C.—were farmed out for seasoning by the St. Louis Browns after pre-season training at Thomasville, Ga.

Alvin Greene of Baltimore was also in the tryouts. Another Washington boy, Garry Proctor, will play with the Whyteville team in the Applachian league in Virginia in the '54 season.

Jim and Leander Tugerson were bought by the Hot Springs (Arkansas) team in the Cotton States league.

Won 20 Games

Because of the opposition of several other teams, however, Jim and his brother were released to the Knoxville (Tenn.) team in the Class D Mountain League.

With Knoxville, Jim Tugerson posted a 20-game winning streak.

Burrus, a member of the Jacksonville (Fla.) Tars, played in the South Atlantic League. Dave Hoskins, now a pitcher with the Cleveland Indians, was voted most valuable player in 1952 in the Texas League. Scull and Powers played this past season in Charlotte, in a North Carolina league.

Since the advent of Jackie Robinson in pre-season training with the Montreal team in 1946, colored ball players have engaged in spring training at Miami, St. Petersburg, Orlando, West Palm Beach, Jacksonville, Daytona Beach, Florida; Atlanta, Ga., and in Louisiana and elsewhere in the South.

Action In South

Colored boys have also been active in football in southern states. In 1947, Chester Pierce, center of Harvard's team, lived on the campus and played on the Cavalier Field at the University of Virginia without incident.

Last year, Buddy Young and George Taliaferro were backs on the Texas Rangers at Dallas, Texas, and this year are valued members of the Baltimore Colts along with several other colored players.

For the first time, a colored boy will play football on a southern team. Ben Kelly is a Steelers in Charleston, S.C. The center of Harvard's team, lived student at Angelo Junior college in Texas.

Cooper On Pro Team

During the 1950 and 1951 season the trend in the South is toward (Cannonball) Cooper, wards acceptance of full citizenship for the colored population. The University of Virginia Union, half-back position on The readiness for this change is in no small measure due to the ability and sportsmanship of colored athletes.

The masses who cheer these boys as members of their teams are learning, first, tolerance and eventually appreciation of the brotherhood of all men.

In South Carolina this fall, Governor James F. Byrnes threw out the ball at the exhibition game between the Washington Redskins and the Pittsburgh

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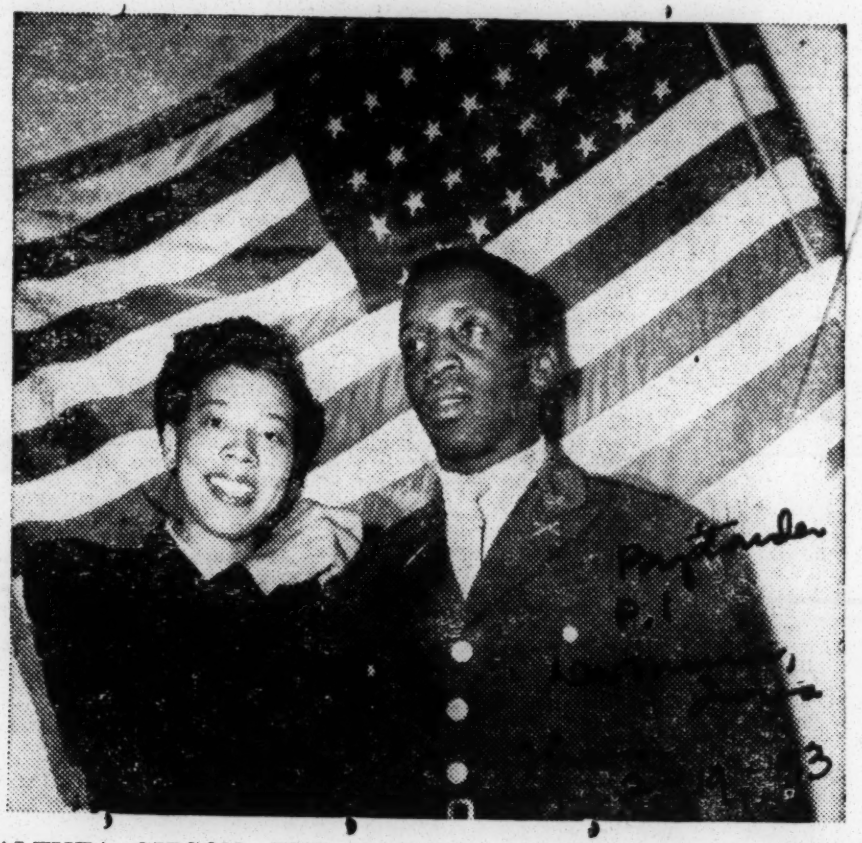
Famcee Students At Florida In The News



ALTHEA GIBSON, THE NATION'S NINTH ranked woman tennis player, who has "many firsts" to her credit, confessed "this is something new to me" when she pinned Alkin Hepburn's brand new lieutenant's bars on his shoulders during R.O.T.C. commissioning exercises at Tallahassa, Fla., last week. Both Miss Gibson and Hepburn are students at the Florida A and M College.

Hepburn was an All-American selection as quarterback on the 1952 national championship Famcee eleven and is generally credited wth being one of the nation's best quarterbacks during the season. He was a crackerjack passer and because of his apparent indifference in huge opposing linemen, he earned the nickname of "Mr. Cool." Hepburn's commission is in the Artillery. (Staff photo by H. Jones of Famcee)

Wendell Smith's SPORTS BEAT

Courier

Griffith's Now Looking for Stars He Let Get Away

My . . . how times have changed!

There was a short news item out of Washington the other day in which Clark Griffith, the old fellow who owns the Senators, was quoted as saying that he would be very interested in having a Negro player on his club. He prefers two, of course, but will be happy to employ one if the guy can play baseball in accordance with big-league standards.

That new tune Mr. Griffith is singing sounds good. Its tempo indicates that he has finally surrendered. He is admitting at long last that the Negro is in organized baseball to stay.

It has taken a long time to see the light . . . but the important thing is that he has seen it. There was a time, for example, when a lot of us were of the opinion that he'd never "get religion," or come around to the place where he would tolerate a Negro player under any circumstances.

Back in 1945, for instance, when Branch Rickey signed Jackie Robinson to play with the Montreal Royals, Mr. Griffith was a leading member of the anti-Negro faction in the major leagues.

He, along with Larry MacPhail, who bowed out or passed out at the Bowie race track in Maryland the other day in a most undignified manner, were the leaders in the "Stop Rickey" fight. At that time, MacPhail was the general manager of the New York Yankees and had a powerful influence over many of the owners when it came to formulating policy in the operations of both the American League and National League.

The team of Griffith and MacPhail was powerful. MacPhail was the blustering, domineering type. Griffith was the gray-haired, uncompromising old man whose views were respected because he had, it seemed, been in baseball ever since Andrew Doubleday invented the game.

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Griffith Stepped Forth as Negro Baseball's Defender

The first to holler when Rickey signed Robinson were J. L. Wilkerson and Tom Baird, owners of the Kansas City Monarchs. Robinson had played with the Monarchs the year before. Baird and Wilkinson wanted Rickey to pay for his contract. Rickey and Robinson said that the owners of the Monarchs did not hold a legalized or legitimate contract for his services.

Two days after Robinson signed, Baird threatened to take action. He said he would file an official protest with Happy Chandler, then baseball's high commissioner.

"We won't take it lying down," he roared from Kansas City. "Robinson signed a contract with us last year and I feel that he is our property. If Chandler lets them get away with this, he's really starting a mess."

That protest was music to the ears of Griffith and MacPhail. It gave them a chance to sound off.

"Mr. Rickey is attempting to destroy two well-organized leagues," Griffith declared. "These leagues have been in existence for some time, and the Negro people of this country have faith and confidence in them.

"This is not the age of dictators and when one man sets himself up to foster the new organization (at that time Rickey was planning on organizing what he hoped would be a real Negro league. He forgot all about that plan however, as soon as he signed Robinson) which only has in mind the thought of destroying the existing two Negro leagues, then I think the time has arrived when a halt should be called." MacPhail agreed and viewed this turn of events as "a terrible thing."

Mr. Griffith's great concern for the perpetuation of Negro leagues was touching, indeed. He wanted to perpetuate the leagues that "the Negro people of this country have faith and confidence in."

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He Couldn't See the Forest for the Trees

He was talking out the side of his mouth . . . hoping that something would be done to stop "Rickey's Revolution."

Negroes did not have "faith and confidence" in the Negro leagues. Both the Negro American and National Leagues were operated in a haphazard manner. Players were sent from one team to the other from week to week, the schedules were made up as the season went along, angry managers took their teams off the field before the completion of games without being penalized, and in general, Negro baseball was operated like the poorest of sandlot leagues.

Griffith didn't fool anyone, especially Negroes. They

laughed when he stepped forth as the great defender for Negro baseball.

Griffith had been renting his park to the fabulous Homestead Grays for many, many years. At that time the Grays were the mightiest organization in Negro baseball. Their greatest player was the late Josh Gibson. Another outstanding member was Dave Hoskins, then an outfielder and now a pitcher with the Cleveland Indians. No big league owner saw more or better Negro baseball than did Griffith.

But nothing could make him forget the color line. He would hire dark-complexioned Cubans, Mexicans and players from other Latin countries. Few of them could speak English and none were American citizens. Nevertheless, Griffith preferred them to Negro stars like Gibson, Hoskins, Robinson, Roy Campanella and Larry Doby.

Consequently, the Negro public was not moved the slightest when Griffith raised his voice as the saviour of Negro baseball and its players. As it developed, Baird and Wilkinson dropped their protest, and Griffith and MacPhail lost the axe they had planned to swing against Rickey.

All that happened in 1945. Now Griffith admits he wants a Negro player. The big job now is to find one good enough to play in the majors. Griffith is scouring the country in search of one. But it isn't easy. Most of the other clubs have beaten him to the bushes and hinterlands and signed them.

It must be just a little disturbing to Griffith now, when he thinks about the past. If he hadn't been so busy trying to perpetuate the color line in the majors, he could have had any and all the Negro players who are in the major leagues today.

He saw them all in his Washington park . . . yet the poor old fellow did not see them.

Now, when he really wants to see them, he can't. Someone else has them.

My . . . how times have changed!

The Dividends of Integration

In our talk out at Langston university the other day we might have pointed out, if we had thought about it at the moment, integration might overnight catapult men like Zip Gayles and Melvin Tolson into almost unheard of positions and salaries.

With a handful of students Zip Gayles, football coach, has been able to qualify a football squad that has marveled the nation. What would Gayles be able to do with manpower in a school where at times the enrollment exceeds twelve thousand?

This same thing is true with Prof. Tolson in the dramatics department. When Tolson was at Wiley college, his debating team defeated some of the best speech teams that came here from Europe and other clubs organized within the nation. What would Tolson's influence and training do were his vast capacity in the field of forensic effort transferred to the classes thronging major college campuses?

And do not assume the talents of men of this calibre are being overlooked. College scouts know of their worth just as football and basketball experts constantly survey Negro institutions for new blood in the professional sports field. They withhold their hands from these outstanding professors only because of the mischief existing in the laws today, prohibiting their employment in white schools. It is admitted that sports and forensics are two fields where blacks have outstanding native ability, and in an integrated school system men like Gayles and Tolson would be in unusual demand.

From the student angle integration would do a still more remarkable thing. Black boys would in such an atmosphere meet white boys during those impressionable, plastic years when important and lasting friendships are formed. We know an Oklahoma City youth who has been for the past two years enrolled at Norman, who made the acquaintance of a white youth, whose father is one of the richest men in the state. This white youth is constantly visiting his black classmate here in Oklahoma City. It is conceivable across the years, this white youth when he reaches manhood, will be interested in the welfare of his former black schoolmate.

Cases in point can be cited with respect to such men as Ralph Bunche, Judge William H. Hastie and a score of other prominent black men in high position. These men are inately no smarter than hundreds of other black men, but they fortunately during their school days attended major universities, where they were classmates of white youths who later climbed up to places of influence, from where they were able to lift their former black friends. It is out of the understanding and fellowship that comes between white and black youths in the classroom the real values of integration utters.

An Oklahoma City youth studying radio at the University of Oklahoma recently left for Louisville, Kentucky, by reason of contacts made through the University at Norman. This young man could never have made this connection at Langston or any other Negro college. Opportunities are limitless in the field of integration, and there is no argument made by the segregationist which will offset the advantages stemming from freedom of opportunity.

Of course there will be disadvantages for some in the newer program. In every changed program there must be adjustments. Undesirables will be weeded out and only the fittest will survive. But in the sum total of integration the black man in America will advance into the field of emolument and privilege which is the natural province of free men and women. Keep in mind any man or woman who is spiritually and emotionally free will want physical freedom. Any time you hear a black man talking in favor of segregation and jim crow, that individual is still spiritually a slave and has been victimized by his environment.

Coach of Year Honor Roll

A. Ruben Alba, Tuskegee Institute High School, Tuskegee, Ala.

Isaac Baldwin, Monroe County High School, Amory, Miss.
J. Chink Baldwin, Johnson High School, Columbia, S. C.
Charles H. Baltimore, Armstrong High School, Washington, D. C.

Andrew Belle, Ashford High School, Ashford, Ala.
Luther Bligen, Avery High School, Charleston, S. C.
Knute W. Burroughs, Buffalo High School, Accoville, W. Va.
A. B. Calvin, Scipio A. Jones High School, North Little Rock, Ark.

Jesse Cook, Booker Washington School, Montgomery, Ala.
Ziggle L. Davis, Douglas High School, Huntington, W. Va.
S. H. Gardner, Maggie L. Walker High School, Richmond, Va.

W. F. Grice Jr., Adkin High School, Kinston, N. C.
W. J. Gupton, Pearl Senior High School, Nashville, Tenn.
Nelson Higgins, Hillside High School, Durham, N. C.
Fitzhugh Houston, Slater High School, Bristol, Tenn.
M. A. Johnson, Kimball High School, Kimball, W. Va.
P. Randall Kirkpatrick, Lincoln High School, Kansas City, Mo.

Joe Martin, Wayne High School, Lockland, Ohio.
Harold Millon, W. Cohen High School, New Orleans, La.
Clarence Montgomery, Florida A. and M. High School, Tallahassee, Fla.

Pat Pattison, Lubbock High School, Lubbock, Tex.
William Reed, Western High School, Paris, Ky.
L. H. Ritcherson, A. J. Moore High School, Waco, Tex.
C. W. Rutherford, Brooks High School, Quitman, Ga.
Ray T. Sheppard, Central High School, Galveston, Tex.
Robert Smith, Burley High School, Charlottesville, Va.
John Thomas, Solomon M. Coles High School, Corpus Christi, Tex.

James H. Wilkinson, R. T. Coles Vocational Junior High School, Kansas City, Mo.

J. K. Williams, Dumas High School, Dumas, Ark.
Elhanier Willis, Park Central, Rhetfield, W. Va.

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Emmett Ashford, who was the first Negro to be employed as an umpire in organized baseball, has been hired by President Clarence Rowland of the Pacific Coast League. He homes to the PCL from the Western International League following umpiring for many years in semi pro ball ..... Former heavyweight champion Ezzard Charles, who meets Coley Wallace, Friday night, is serving as the springboard for possible challengers to Rocky Marciano's crown ..... Negro football in the CIAA may disintegrate like barnstorming baseball if the Lincoln-Howard game is a yardstick!!!!!

For example, the annual Thanksgiving Day classic between Howard and Lincoln game in Philadelphia, Penna., in bygone years was the big game of the year.

It was also the capstone of the football season among other colored institutions. In more recent years as many as 20,000 have exhibited their furs and "mums" at the game in either Washington or Philadelphia.

But alas! This year less than a thousand attended the game.

Is this trend the forerunner of eventual demise of the National Classic and the Capital Classic which drew thirty to forty thousands in bygone years but which has steadily declined to 10,000 this year. What Negro colleges must learn is that they must never penalize promoters willing to gamble and put their teams on display in advantageous stadiums. hese speculators shell out dough in promotion, buildup of team personnel and allied entertainment to draw fans. No college can duplicate their function. This has been demonstrated in the CIAA-sponsored National Classic which is on its last legs.

Florida A&M is a standout example of willingness to cooperate with responsible citizens in boosting its games. his is seen in the Orange Blossom Classic which drew 41,303 into the Orange Bowl December 5.

The Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference is studying a proposal to put its football champions into a New Year's Day bowl against the representative of another major athletic association. Further consideration is being given the proposition but the SIAC must remember that no bowl promotion will succeed unless there is a community-spirited tieup of civic organizations and business and that the athletic associations must guarantee their best teams or the whole thing will flop.

Negro football needs to be put on display in better stadiums if it is to survive. Most teams are still exchanging the same puny guarantees of a decade ago.

Some SIAC representative are playing under primitive conditions. There are playing fields where dust plays havoc with players and officials and some are without enclosures to enable collecting from spectators.

Promotion is limited to placards, throw bills and an occasional radio spot. No livewire promoter would touch the surface of selling mediums in the fashion of the college folk.

This tendency works a hardship on our athletes who never learn the true yardstick of their performance and its perpetuates second class citizenship which we pray to escape.

NEWS REPORTS — Abe Saperstein, major domo of the Harlem Globetrotters, who has sent his basketball jesters on tour in most parts of the world, wants to crack the Iron Curtain with his famous quint. His aim is to pit his troupe against the Russians, who demonstrated during the '52 Olympics, that they are among the world's best.

A FIGHTER'S MOTHER — Last September, Mrs. Lille Barrows Brooks was critically ill in Detroit's Woman's Hospital. So aggravated was her condition that Joe Louis, former world heavyweight champion quit the big Blues and Rhythm show starring Ruth Brown, Buddy Johnson and his orchestra, the Clovers and Ella Johnson to rush to her bedside.

But when she improved, Louis went on to the Heart of America golf tournament in Kansas City. Mrs. Brooks returned to the home Louis bought for her shortly after his fight career began to pay off.

About a week ago, Mrs. Brooks went to live with a daughter, Mrs. Emmarell Davis, and it was at her home that she died.

Mrs. Brooks saw her famous fighting son box only five times. After each of his history making battles, she always told reporters: "I want Joe to get some money and quit the fight business."

Joe's violin lessons were disrupted when he was a teenager because one day he happened to run into a fighter, Thurston McKinney, whom he idolized. McKinney took him to a gymnasium where Joe displayed his fighting heart.

Mrs. Brooks saw her son abandon his quest for acclaim in the music world. He went on to become the most famous battler of modern times.

Somehow, Mrs. Brooks never quite mustered the satisfaction of most of Louis' worshippers, regarding his worldwide success.

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Down boxing's skids row: Bob Montgomery, former lightweight champion of the world, was jailed by Philadelphia, Penn. police for writing numbers ..... Arnett W. Munford of the Southern Cats is one of sepia football's winningest mentors ..... Look for the tub-thumpers to boom Prairie View A. & M. for the No. 1 Negro collegiate football team of '53. Billy Nicks is reportedly loaded with talent for the task ..... United Golfers Association's national tournament next week in Swope Park, Kansas City, Mo. Best known talented golf will play in this spectacle .....

Cincinnati Reds are thumping the tub for a kid named Frankie Robinson, supposed their finest race prospect. A 17-year-old, he hails from Oakland, Calif., and is going great with Ogden in the Class C. Pioneer League. He bats right, plays third and left field...

Morehouse Football Coach Joe Echols attended summer school at New York University. His card of greetings escaped attention until now .....

International Boxing Club looks good after choosing Roland LaStarza to meet Rocky Marciano. Charles was decisioned last week by Nino Valdes. My bet is that Marciano wins Sept. 24 in the Polo Grounds fracas .....

TIPOFF — Almost unnoticed, in the news was Bethune Cookman's invasion of Miami on October 17 when the Daytona Beach powerhouse collides with Benedict College of Columbia, S. C. Apparently Bethune Cookman wants to break the complete domination that Florida A. & M. has exercised over the city since the Orange Blossom Classic was installed there.

Bethune Cookman is plunging heads-long into that fabulous city and will be watching for attendance figures to see if the school clicks.

HERE AND THERE — First signs of Fall: Football crying towel stories pouring into the sports desk with doleful predictions of gridiron calamity ..... Warren Spahn of the Milwaukee Braves lists the Brooklyn Dodgers as his jinx team. He has beaten the Brooks Sept. 25, 1951. He has a string of seven straight defeats to the Flock .....

International Boxing Club's bypassing of Ezzard Charles in favor of Roland LaStarza failed to create the racial excitement and furore that James J. Braddock's mixing of Harry Wills, "the Black Panther" ..... Back in the old days, do-gooders and bigots used Tiger Flowers, Jack Johnson and Wills either for votes or headlines. New day reformers whether fighting for civil rights or against jim-crow and intolerance shun sports as a platform for their wares.

Milton Gross, New York Post columnist, in commenting on Jackie Robinson's Our Sports article "Have I Achieved My Goal?" Jackie, unfortunately shows a startling unfamiliarity with the danger inherent in all bias, no matter the pigmentation of one's skin. Prejudice is a two-sided blade. Wielded by accused or accuser it can cut deeply into the flesh and sensibilities and draw blood. Color makes no man fair game for defamation. Nor does it give him public privilege to swing the sword — or private immunity after he has swung it ....."

OFF THE CUFF — The Gale Agency Blues and Rhythm show starring the Clovers, Ruth Brown, Wynonie Harris, Dusty Fletcher, et al which invades Morris Brown's Herndon Stadium August 25 is being prepped for an European junket following completion of its 35-city tour. Biggest crowd of the tour is expected to witness the show in Atlanta while some 30,000 Elks are in the city for their 54th national convention .....

COMMENTS ON SPORTS — Mack M. Greene, Executive Secretary, National Athletic Steering Committee, has just mailed coaches and athletic directors an interesting profile on the NAIA District At Large tournament held last February at Tennessee State College. It is chockful of information and statistics and should be on every sportsman's desk. Sorry, though circulation is limited .....

Is George Sheats back at Benedict College after an Army stint? Press releases from there indicate he is back from the wars .....

Milwaukee Braves unquestionably will get a good look at Henry Aaron of the Jacksonville Braves next Spring. Sally League writers are ready to hand Aaron the most valuable player award for this season. Aaron is the property of Toledo of the American Association but a deal is brewing for him to tour next Spring with the parent club .....

MEMORY LANE: What are baseball fans going to substitute for that down-to-wire pennant scrap which marked 1951 and 1952 National League race. In the spotlight were the Dodgers and Braves but they're counting the Giants out this year .....

Jay SAYS

Jenkins Steals Show

DIRECTORS OF ATHLETICS and head football coaches of the Southern, Southwestern, Mid-West and Central IAA joined with Commissioner of Officials Frank Stanley and a group of 43 from the Mid-West conference and Commissioner Williams of the South-Central conference in accepting the hospitality of Abe Saperstein, owner-coach of the fabulous Harlem Globetrotters basketball team who was lost at a luncheon at the Washington Park Y here in Chicago.

STEALING THE SHOW WAS a former backfield player at Bishop college in Marshall, Texas, and now one of the important GOP figures in the Illinois state legislature. He is State Representative Jenkins, chairman of the powerful appropriations committee in Springfield. Of much concern was his reference to juvenile delinquency and the part wholesome athletic contests and recreation could be to be doing away with so much crime among the teen-agers. And he cited figures. He challenged those present definitely placing upon the shoulders of the hearers the responsibility.

Attorney Jenkins, who is one of the few to have been awarded the doctor of laws degrees by Bishop college, hoped that the time is near when the coaches for the Chicago Tribune's College All-Star football team will pick a player or two from Negro college conferences.

AMONG THE SPEAKERS, besides Al Duer of Pepperdine college in California and one of the main cogs in National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, were B. T. Harvey, chairman of the area at large of the NAIA; Mack Green, Central State college of Ohio; Judge Fred "Duke" Slater, Iowa university's all-time All-American tackle, and now on the city's municipal court bench; Ralph Metcalfe, twice member of United States Olympic teams and AAU spring champion; John Sengstacke, president of the Chicago Defender publications; Frank Stanley, former Atlanta university great under Coach Walter Aiken; Harry Jefferson, director of athletics and head football coach at Hampton Institute, Va.; Henry A. Kean, director of athletics at Tennessee State University, and the host Abe Saperstein.

Taking a bow were Henderson A. (Tubby) Johnson, Fisk's immortal; Ray Kemp, director of athletics, Lincoln university, Jefferson City, Mo.; A. Wilberforce Mumford, Southern university, Baton Rouge, La., Alexander Durley (on crutches), Texas Southern, Houston; Eddie Robinson, Grambling college's director of athletics; Fred Long, director of athletics at Texas college, Tyler, Texas, and dean of the coaches in the Southwestern conference; Dr. Rueben Munday and Ross Owens of Tuskegee Institute; assistant coach Coffey, Tennessee State; Ted Wright, director of athletics at Savannah (Ga.) State; W. S. Welch, scout for the St. Louis Browns; Ches Washington, Pittsburgh Courier's Los Angeles representative; Inman Jackson, member of the 1930 Harlem Globetrotters team and several teams which followed and now one of the trusted officials of the organination; President David (Central State) of the Mid-West conference, Director of Athletics Edwards, Kentucky State; Jimmy Stevens, assisant coach and Bill Bell (Ohio State) director of athletics and head coach a North Carolina A. and T. college, Greensboro, N. C. Sam Shepard of St. Louis board of education public relations department, and others. A total of 73 enjoyed both the magnificent luncheon and the speeches.

SELDOM DO WE PAY any attention to race horse results whe-fair and believe it or not Boner's ner signs were torn down; the with Pendleton (ex-hicago Amerther it be the runners, pacers or nag won the $56,095 pace race fans didn't see any window signs; ican Giants) and Bill Bruton were horse named John Sitman. He Under 10,000. It might be news to went to the Cubs pa entered him in the pace for two- the promoters but the street cor-29,000 saw the Milwaukee Braves, and the White Sox drew 33,000 as tice . . H. O. Boner of Taylorville, The attendance at the East or in the subway. Newspapers and Black Yankee) are all members Ill., a Negro groom, bought a vs. West game was way down. radio gave it much pubch publicity. Many of the Braves team. Then two year-olds at Springfield, Ill., state those park where nights later, the St. Louis Browns could they) and sign

Satchel Paige was announced to pitch one of the two games.

Has the dream game of Negro baseball lost its appeal. We believe not. If Chicago doesn't appreciate it, Kansas City surely can muster up more fans than what put in their appearance at Comiskey Park on Sunday, Aug. 16.

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By Marion E. Jackson

Sports Editor Marion Jackson resumes his daily sports column inSunday's edition. Today's feature is by Fritz Pollard.

NEW YORK — (Global) — It was bound to come sometime, and now it has. The Major League players have finally hired themselves a lawyer and are preparing to fight any decision they consider unjust to the players.

It was only natural that there had to be some sort of discipline and the playing side. With disputes among players coming up from time to time, there had to be some attempt at arbitrating all the Umpires were, therefore, given the power to eject players and take other steps to keep order on the playing field. Umpires are a persecuted lot, perhaps. They have absorbed a good deal of abuse and have done so many times unfairly.

However, there have been many times when Umpires have used their power to control the play on the field, to excess and many times thei ractions have seemed harsh and unreasonable. Players have often been fined or suspended without any opportunity to appeal their case. This will be a function of the new legal advisor; and it seems he will be kept busy, for this is only a part of the many duties he will perform.

The new legal representative, J. Norman Lewis, will also have the responsibility of players' contracts, and will advise on matters concerning World Series split, salary agreements, and relations between club owners and managers.

There are many persons who have charged Ford Frick, Will Harridge and Warren Giles with being responsible for the players calling in a lawyer to represent them. It was pointed out that there were many instances in which players had made complaints that went unsettled. One was the case of a player who come back from the Service, and is reported to have been told that he could remain with his major league club at a minimum salary of $5,000 a year, but if he agreed to go to a minor league club for more training, which is what the player wanted to do, he would have accepted a cut in his salary.

The League Presidents, Giles and Harridge, professed innocence of any such indifference as to players' complaints. They both seemed hurt at the suggestion that the players needed any protection from them. But the fact remains that the players have felt the need for a representative, and it seems unlikely that they would seek such representation unnecessarily. At any rate, no matter who is responsible for it, the players now have a legal advisor.

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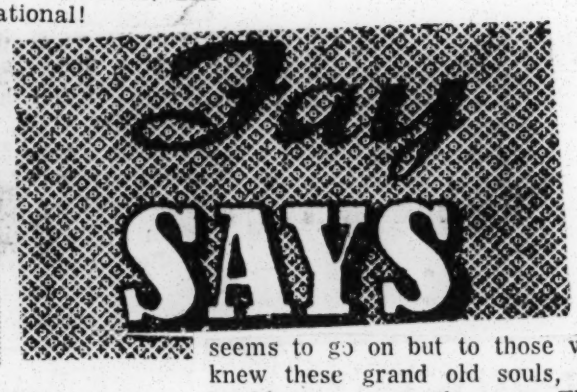
It seems that Mal Whitfield is on a rampage. He came up with another win in Oslo the other day. He beat Wes Santee of Kansas in the 880-yard event of the international track and field meet. He clocked at 1:53.2, while Santee ran 1:53.3.

Somebody once said Jackie Robinson will be able to hit, run and field when he's 50, and it seems they weren't far from right. Jackie hasn't slowed down one bit since his brilliant Rookie year and in fact, continues to astound the experts by being versatile beyond any thing anybody ever expected. He now is only three points below the league leading Monte Irvin in batting averages, but that's only part of the story. He plays the infield or the outfield and while his play may not be of the most brilliant variety in all positions, his big bat his speed, and his all around keen competitive sense keep him in the game.

We've said it before, and we say it again. Junior Gilliam should be a cnch as Rookie of the Year. The kid s merely sensational!



Persley May Be It

TWO NEGRO players were dropped by the Chicago Bears. They are Emmerson Cole, obtained last year by Owner George Halas from the Cleveland Browns and Jim Moore, ex-Florida A & M star halfback. We asked while at Tuskegee relays last May for some information on Moore and was promised by the Florida representatives that we would be given it. To date we have heard nothing from the Tallahassee institution.

It is quite possible that Coach Jake Gaither was not apprised of my desire. The same is true of Davis who came up from the army service after playing with the Alabama State Hornets. We personally asked Director of Athletics Dunn to see that Publicity man Reynolds got the matter to me. Four months later we know no more than we did when we made the request. The fact that we had officiated in games in Montgomery and had watched Davis' play made us feel very good when Halas signed Moore and Davis, both from Negro schools. We were trying to get the inside information on the lives of both men for — not ourselves but for the man who would be paying them.

THE DEATH of Mrs. Amelia C. Roberts of Tuskegee's athletic department was a shock to all of her friends and to the members of the faculty and students. We all know we can't live on forever yet we hate to see the "old familiar faces" leave the scene. Others will replace them, the world seems to go on but to those who knew these grand old souls, the world never seems the same. They seemed part of an institution and the mere presense of these kindly people was an inspiration.

EMORY BANKS, gangling end of the University of Oregon, deserves praise. He sparked his team to an opening game victory over the University of Nebraska. He was captain of his team for that game. It was the first time in eight years that Oregon had won their opening game. That was only part of the story.

Banks' baby daughter died and the funeral was held the day before the game. He didn't make the trip east with the squad. After a talk with his wife who insisted he join his mates, Banks attended the funeral and when the body of the little girl was placed in the grave, Banks, broken hearted went to the airport and planed to Lincoln, Nebr., arriving the morning of the game. He is a senior. He is a great end. He has a heart and a soul but he also has plenty of guts.

THE CINCINNATI Redlegs have signed Charlie Harmon, star third baseman of the Tulsa team of the Texas league and the former University of Toledo Negro will report to Cincy's new manager (it may be Lopez now of the Indians) in the spring.

The firing of Rogers Hornsby brought no sighs of regrets from Negro fans who remember Hornsby's prejudice. He is reported to have been at the bottom of much dissention in Mexico because of his attitude towards Cuban Negroes as well as against those from north of the border. His exit followed a few fist fights.

Sport writers in the daily press keep writing that Ernest Banks is from Davenport, Iowa. He might be at this late date but he came up in Dallas where he is a product of the Booker T. Washington high school. Banks is being used at short and Gene Baker, secured from Los Angeles is at second which old timers grin. Says Klondike, the mayor of 51st st., "Never thought I'd live to see that."

Randy Turpin, British middleweight champion, is in training at Grossinger, N. Y., for his coming fight with Bobo Olson in New York City on Oct. 21.

Arthur Persley, New York welterweight who really is from New Orleans, is the best youngster seen in these parts since Johnny Bratton blazed his way across the fistic horizon a few years ago. He fights at Marigold Saturday, Oct. 3.

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Wendell Smith's SPORTS BEAT

'Every Hitter Has a Weakness'—Prof. Satchel Paige

There is no better authority on the intricate art of pitching than Leroy (Satchel) Paige, the elongated antique whose ancient right arm creaks slightly at the hinge now but still has enough whip in it to propel a ball past most of the good hitters in the major leagues.

Man and boy, Leroy has been pitching longer than any hurler in the majors today. He also probably knows more about it than anybody else.

He was saying, for example, that no matter how fast a young man can throw a ball he cannot achieve success in the big leagues unless he can throw to the hitter's weakness.

"That is one of the main reasons I have been able to hang around so long," he said. "A fellow who is big and strong might get along in the majors for a while by just burning the ball past the hitters. But eventually he must learn how to pitch to the hitter's weakness.

"Hitters have a way of learning how to time your best pitch. The first few times you face them, they usually have trouble getting on to your fast ball, or your quick-breaking curve.

"But some place along the way one of them finds out how to time your pitch. Once he finds out how to do that he tells the other fellows on the team and pretty soon they're belting your brains out.

"Fellows like Stan Musial, Ted Williams, Jackie Robinson, Monte Irvin and George Kell are what I call time hitters. Once they get the timing on your pitches, they'll hit you good and regularly.

"The only way to offset that is to pitch to whatever weakness they may have. Every hitter has a weak spot. You must throw the ball to that spot if you can. That's where control comes in. You must be able to throw a ball low and inside consistently, if that is the area where the hitter has trouble getting his bat on the ball."

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Pitchers Usually Outguess the Hitters . . .

Satchel stood up and struck a pitching pose. He leaned forward, pretending he was getting the signal from his catcher.

"There are hitters," he said, "who murder a low, inside pitch. So you gotta make sure you don't throw there. If a guy hits a low, inside pitch well, he probably pops up on one high and inside. So you pitch to that spot.

"And, believe it or not, there are some guys who cannot hit a ball that is right down the middle. There aren't many who can't, but I've pitched against some who have that weakness."

When Satchel first created excitement on the pitcher's mound, he was strictly a thrower. He threw so fast and hard that some players found it convenient to get sick on the day he was scheduled to pitch.

That was twenty years ago, when he was the terror of Negro baseball. He threw what the hitters called a "pea ball." It came up to the plate so fast it appeared to be as small as a pea.

"When I was pitching for the Pittsburgh Crawfords, I was really fast," Satchel admitted modestly. "I just stood out there and threw the ball past 'em.

"But now I have to pitch with my head. I'm not the pitcher I once was, and know it. My fast ball has lost a lot of its zip. Now I have to mix 'em up, a fast ball now and then, a curve ball or change-of-pace ball now and then.

"Now it's a guessing contest between the hitter and me. When I was young, there was no guessing. I just whipped the ball in there and there was nothing to it. But today I gotta size up the hitter. I say to myself: 'This guy's looking for a fast ball on the outside corner.' So, I throw him a medium-speed curve on the inside.

"Sometimes, of course, the guy out-guesses me. But most of the time the pitcher has the advantage. The toughest guy to pitch to, however, is the one who just steps in the box and swings at the first thing that comes over the plate.

"He refuses to get in a guessing contest with you. All he wants you to do is throw it over. Those kind of hitters are really tough. Hitters like Musial, Robinson, Kell and Williams seldom guess. They just swing away."

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Gibson Was he Best Hitter He Ever Saw . . .

Satchel, who thinks that this will probably be his last year in the majors, says there has never been a hitter in baseball who didn't have some type of weakness.

"You just gotta find out where that weakness is and pitch to it," he said. "That's where control comes in. There isn't a veteran pitcher in baseball today who is still around because he throws hard. Fellows like Bob Feller, Allie Reynolds, Virgil Trucks and Warran Spahn came up with fast ball pitches. When they started to slow down, they developed control. That's why they're still going strong."

The late Josh Gibson was the best hitter Satchel ever saw. He gives the former catcher of the Homestead Grays that honor, despite the fact that Josh seldom got hits off him.

"I was either lucky against him," Satchel said, "or just had his number. But he murdered other fellows. He was the kind of batter who hit the first thing that came within range of his bat, and he hit it far.

"He had the best sense of timing I ever saw. I've seen pitchers fool him with a change-of-pace and there'd still be so much power in his swing that he'd hit the ball over the fence.

"If Gibson were in the majors today, he'd hit .350 every year. He had a great pair of wrists. When he snapped that bat into a ball, it was sure to go places."

How did Satch' manage to have so much success against the great Gibson?

"I threw to his weakness," he said. "Even Gibson had a weakness. It was a very tiny spot, low on the outside corner. I could throw there and get him out. But I had to be very careful. One-half an inch higher, he'd hit the ball out of sight.

"That's the difference between a good pitcher in the majors and an ordinary one—one-half an inch."

Thus, Prof. Satchel Paige's lecture on "How to Be a Great Pitcher" ended. He promptly put on his hat and went sauntering out the door.

Jay SAYS

Time To Think

THE crowd of three thousand that watched the women's national clay court tennis championships at the River Forest tennis club in the 93 degree heat on Sunday, July 19, witnessed some amazing tennis on the part of 18 year-old Maureen Connolly of San Diego, Calif. The West Coast miss, twice victor in the women's singles at Wimbledon and twice winner of the United States titles, just had too much tennis for slim Althea Gibson, the plucky star of the American Tennis association and alumnus of Florida A. and M. college in Tallahassee, Fla.

Miss Gibson's home is in New York City. In the singles, she is the best the Negro race had to offer. Take nothing from her, she is a good player—but not good enough to beat Miss Connolly at River Forest or anywhere else right at this juncture. Tennis followers all admit she was game but the 6-4, 6-4 loss doesn't tell the story. It took a few minutes less than an hour to play the championship match.

That Miss Gibson got to the finals is remarkable. The gal has come a mightly long ways since a few public spirited citizens in New York City became interested in her and she has made good. She and her partner lost in the doubles semi-final, but Miss Connolly and her partner were defeated in the doubles finals.

The fact that Miss Gibson failen to win the championship is over shadowed inasmuch as she has made history. The United States Lawn Tennis association has bowed to the inevitable. It is ability and not color that counts. Althea's grit and determination need to be commended.

WITH BASEBALL about to be crowded off the sport pages by football, the Chicago Bears shove off the bus for their Indiana camp. It may have been a publicity stunt but Bill Anderson, crack back from the Pacific Coast, and Cliff Davis, mammoth lineman from Alabama State Teachers college in Montgomery got mixed up and reported to Wrigley Field, home of the Cubs, instead of Soldier Field where all were supposed to board the bus.

Speaking of baseball, Chicago is still baseball hungry. The recent games between the Kansas City Monarchs, and the Indianapolis Clowns showed it. The July 4 game drew around 14,000. Last year, the Chicago American Giants' Sunday contest pulled in about a third as much and the Monarchs, always a great drawing card, did not attract their usual amount of fans.

It is true that Negro fans in large numbers deserted the Negro league for the majors after the doors had been opened to Negro players like Jackie Robinson, Campanella, Joe Black, Larry Doby, Bill Bruton, George Crowe, Satchel Paige, Junior Gilliam, Monte Irwin, Henry Thompson and others. With the exception of Bruton, outfielder for the Milwaukee Braves, the players mentioned are all graduates from Negro league clubs.

All of this brings us to the coming East vs West game of Aug. 16. We expect no 54,000 crowd like the one which dissappointedly watched the White Sox drop two games to the New York Yankees. Most of them didn't understand why with a man on second via a double and no one out, why this runner was not sacrificed to third where a single (or any kind of a hit) or a long fly would have produced one run. This was in the early innings. It would have sent the Sox into the ninth with a 3-2 lead instead of a 2-2 tie. However, that is second guessing. We know how Rube Foster would have ordered it played.

As we said, we don't expect any 54,000 crowd but if the game is to remain in Chicago it will have to be supported far better than it has been the last few years. Otherwise, Detroit may get it—and Kansas City, Mo., will welcome it.

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Patriotic bunting proclaiming the on-coming Elks National convention strutted from street posts and doorways like cock roosters. There was misty excitement reigning along the avenue. Perhaps the eager heralds of some thirty thousand visitors had stirred the decorum of otherwise staid habitues of the thoroughfare who seldon panic at trite diversions. We tried sports conversation but was frustrated in our try for listeners. What's the use of trying. Folks simply aren't interested. The slogan "Elks A'Coming" has caught public fancy.

Now, we had planned to rake the American Tennis Association over the coals. There was trivia on our desk on the new "Murder, Inc.," which of course is the '53 Brooklyn Dodgers. Or else, we could talk about Henry Aaron, the Jacksonville batting terror who is rapidly becoming our pet.

First of all, we ought to give the ATA the dickens. That fatty old bund which operates in closed shop fashion is dirty deep in trickery down at Daytona Beach, where its annual tournament is underway.

Now, a few weeks ago, editors of leading race newspapers received letters from Dr. Walter (Whirlwind) Johnson criticizing sports editors because they failed to headline race - sponsored tennis matches. It was an obtuse letter, entirely void of truth, and almost lacking in coherence.

Johnson said that race tennis was being discouraged by hostile sportswriters who failed to headline Negro players unless they competed in white-sponsored tournaments. Most newspapers ignored the unfactual letter. We intended to do the same thing. However, the ATA and Bertram Baker, went too far in snubbing the Georgia Open Tennis tournament after pledging the services of Althea Gibson, Billy Winn, etc. The ATA simply failed to show.

Now, Atlanta has given top press coverage to Negro tennis meets. Headline coverage was given the Atlanta Open and the Georgia Open. Galleys of newspaper type went into colorful stories.

If the ATA had been interested in press coverage for its stars, then it took a hell of a way of showing it since Atlanta has one of the two race daily newspapers in the nation. This city is also expertly covered by all the major news services. The ATA in bypassing the city apparently wasn't sincere after all about top press coverage of its activities.

The unexplainable tactics of the ATA are indeed threadbare. While the trend is towards integration the organization has not militantly opened its ranks to whites. True enough Norman Appel battled Georgia Stewart in the finals the past two years at Xenia, Ohio, but the No. 2 singles star is a native of that state.

It would have been dramatic for the ATA to have thrown open its doors to all comers on switching to Daytona Beach, Fla. This would have been a bold move in the state where baseball jimcrow was smashed in the Southland.

HITTERS DRAGNET — It was in Brooklyn that the infamous Murder, Inc., was unearthed. Crime smashing Thomas E. Dewey catapulted to fame for his prosecution of the death-weilding gang. As a result the evil men have been consigned to infamy.

On the other hand, the Brooklyn Dodgers have revived the tradition of "Murder, Inc." The Brooks on a rampaging assault against their National League rivals lead the circuit by an eight-game margin.

Biggest offensive guns in this lead have been Duke Snider, Carl Furillo and Roy Campanella. Each has been a prime operative when the other was off stride. As a result the Dodgers have won nine straight games. Unless the Braves duplicate the New York Giants miracle of '51, the Brooks appear to be in.

Almost unnoticed in the Flatbush pennant surge has been the Dodger pitching. Carl Erskine, Russ Meyer, Preacher Roe, Johnny Podres, aided and abetted by Ben Wade, Clem Labine and Bob Millikens, have turned in splendid mound craftsmanship.

PRINCE OF THE SALLY —Henry Aaron, slugging second sacker of the Jacksonville Braves, continues to pace Sally League batters with an average of .370.

Aaron is now leading in six departments of play, and second in another. He leads the scoring with 104 markers, has produced the most base hits, 180, has the highest total bases, 294, went out in front again this week with 33 two-base swats, has walloped the most three-baggers, 12, and is way in front with 111 runs batted in and is runner-up with 19 round-trippers. Other leaders are Tom Giordano, of Savannah, with 22 circuit clouts, and Don Morrow, of Montgomery, who has stolen the most bases, 19. . . .

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FRED LEIGH WRITES ABOUT

Charles L. Pinderhughes

Athlete-Organizer

(This is the ninth in a series on outstanding D.C. athletes and their achievements.)

Among the District's outstanding old timers in athletics, there is an imposing array who didn't hail from white colleges. However, there is little doubt that they could have made meteoric strides on mixed teams if they had been afforded the opportunity.

One of these is Charles L. Pinderhughes, 59, whitehead physical education, health and safety teacher at Dunbar, who was small in size, but a big name in football at Howard from 1913 to 1917. Packing 164 pounds on a 5-foot, 7-inch frame, he made All-CIAA at fullback despite the fact he played in the halfback and quarterback slots.

Mr. Pinderhughes captained the Bisons' team in 1917, and was Howard's chief drop kicker. The art of drop-kicking then was as popular as our placement kick today.

Five Games In 15 Days

He remembers playing five games in 15 days, and swears that Hampton Institute's Bill Gayles and Red Dabney were the best he ever played against in collegiate circles.

The spry Dunbar mentor, who will be 60 on Sept. 13, has lived a rich, full life since leaving Howard in 1917. Behind him is a record of coaching which is hardly surpassed by many. He has coached football 30 years, swimming 32 seasons, track 15, and baseball eight years.

He recalled with special pride some of his products of yesteryear in the scholastic ranks. They include the immortal Charley Drew, who rose to both athletic and medical fame; Nappy George, one of the first Olympic prospects from the District area; and Roland Richardson, whose time in the sprints in the South Atlantic Conference still stands.

Outstanding Pupil

Mr. George was an Olympic candidate in 1930, but lost the alternate position to Frank Wycoff of Southern California. Mr. George was attending Whittier (Calif.) College that year, he recalled.

A smile crept across the full face of the illustrious mentor as he began to piece together some of the outstanding experiences in his life as an athlete, and later as a coach.

"Back in the pioneer days of the CIAA, it was legal for the ball carrier to submarine under the line, and come up running, and that is what I did," he exclaimed.

Legal Grid Rule

"It was all right for a ball carrier's knee to touch the ground then. As a result, I got more credit for hitting through the center of the line than going around it or calling signals.

"That is why I made the All-CIAA berth at fullback instead of at halfback or quarterback. I made more yardage than any other fullback in the conference.

"Jimmy Stratton, now dead, was our first - string fullback He later went into the ministry.

"I did the drop kicking, and Stratton was our chief punter."

Mr. Pinderhughes pictured the opposing linesmen then as weighing anywhere from 200 to 250, and "plenty vicious and mean."

Some of his former teammates at Howard included John McClellan, end; Dr. Bullock Slaughter, end now in St. Louis; Fred Randall, tackle; Vernon Green, now a practicing D.C. dentist, end; Dr. Victor Tulane, now a Howard university professor, who was quarterback and halfback; Dr. Ralph Young of Baltimore, center; Dr. John Camper of Baltimore, tackle; Dr Herbert Marshall, D.C. physician, halfback; Albert N. Brooks linesman, now a D.C. school principal; Tubby Matthews (deceased) and Lambert Waters, both tackles.

Remembers Hampton's Indians

Two Indians who stood out on Hampton's team gave Mr. Pinderhughes a fit, he declared.

"I'll never forget Martini and Chief Bender. Bender was a hard-running back who was difficult to bring down. Martini was a big 230-pound guard, and could tackle.

"In one of our games with Hampton, someone missed a block, and Martini slipped in behind our line, and hit me like a ton of bricks. I felt like I had been run over by a truck.

Gayles Was Best

"One of the best ends we played against was Hampton's George Gayles. He was good on offense and defense. We could seldom get by him."

Mr. Pinderhughes played against Henry Hucles, now director of athletics at Virginia Union, and recalls the tale they use to tell about Hampton's Dabney.

Dabney was so good that when one side of the Hampton line showed weakness, he would walk up to the end, tackle and guard, and say:

"You take that one man there, and I will take these three."

Flying Tackle Legal

Mr. Pinderhughes was seldom hurt in football despite his size.

"The only time I ever was hurt, I hurt myself," he said, "I made a flying tackle at Hucles of Union, a fine quarterback then, and missed him. I hurt my shoulder, and knocked myself out. cold."

Out of the CIAA conference when Howard played Fisk, Annapolis, Lynchburg and other teams, the Dunbar teacher observed that Tackle Sugg of Fisk "was one mighty good linesman."

Howard's Grid Tour

In 1916, Howard played five games in 15 days, he said. It was one continuous trip with Howard playing Union on Saturday, West Virginia on Tuesday, Fisk that following Saturday, Lynchburg Seminary on Tuesday and Petersburg on Friday night before returning home.

They won over Lynchburg, Fisk and Union, and tied West Virginia and Petersburg, now Virginia State.

In his time, every athlete who won a letter received a sweater, Mr. Pinderhughes said. The practice was discontinued before he was graduated. Also the training table was cut out after the talk of professionalism grew strong around the campus, he declared.

Ernest J. Marshall was a chemistry teacher at Howard, but found time to coach the team. He left in 1916, and studied medicine.

CHARLES H. PINDERHUGHES

Organizer In Conferences

Mr. Pinderhughes was one of the organizers of the Middle Atlantic Conference in the early twenties. This conference included Maryland, Washington and Virginia schools such as Huntington in Norfolk.

He was among the organizers of the present South Atlantic High School Athletic Conference which was started in December of 1929, and has been an official in the group since.

Currently, president of the Eastern Board of Officials, Mr. Pinderhughes and L. U. (Duck) Gibson helped to organize the Baltimore Board in 1926. He served as a CIAA official from 1917 to 1933.

Starred In High School

A native of Providence, R.I., Mr. Pinderhughes resides at 3562 13th st., nw. He has two sons and five grandchildren. Charles A. Pinderhughes is a staff psychiatrist at Cushing General hospital. John L. Pinderhughes is an interne medical specialist at Tuskegee.

That the Dunbar mentor was an outstanding athlete is pointed out in the Providence Journal article of 1913:

"Charles Pinderhughes, the rugged colored youth, now a senior at the high school, has made an enviable record for himself, and is very popular with scholars and teachers alike.

Cited By Town's Paper

"In track athletics, he is head and shoulders above any of the other boys, and he was reckoned as one of the very best halfbacks in the interscholastic season.

"His activities, however, are not confined to athletics, for he is a good scholar. On last Friday evening, he won the second prize in the prize-speaking contest.

"When Pinderhughes leaves the school, he will have inscribed on the records his name in big letters. The class of 1913 won five interclass track meets, and in each one of them, Pinderhughes, himself, has won enough points to beat all the other classes.

"In the meet last week, he won five out of a possible seven events, and got second in one other contest."

In high school, Mr. Pinderhughes participated on the football, ice hockey, baseball and track teams. He captained the ice hockey team his junior and senior years, and each of the other sports once.

New York Postal Clerk Hopes To Be First Negro To Swim English Channel

NEW YORK, July 23 (AP)—A postal clerk set out today on a dream he has cherished for nearly 30 years: to be the first American Negro to swim the English Channel.

Willis Hanks, 39, sailed on the French liner Liberte with his boss, acting Postmaster Harold Riegelman, waving bon voyage from the pier. Hanks' wife and one of his two daughters also saw him off.

"I know I can do the distance and I think I can make it," he said before leaving. "It's just a matter of your body taking the cold water."

Hanks learned to swim after he saw two boys drown in the Hudson River when he was 12. The memory never left him. Gertrude Ederle's 1926 conquest of the channel inspired him to try it one day.

"I would like to promote swimming for children to help prevent so many drownings," he said.

Hanks will try the 19-mile channel course from Gris Nez, France, to Dover, England between Aug. 17th and 23rd.

Jay SAYS

Some Smoke, Some Fire

NASHVILLE — If you want to find out anything just butt into a group of 40 athletic directors, coaches and officials, plus some members of the fourth estate and start asking simple questions. Sooner or later some one is going to drop something that helps us to bat out a column.

As we prepared to attend the first round games of the district at large tournament of the National Association of Intercollegiate athletics we learn that Central State and Findlay, Ohio, college will play for the right to represent the Ohio district in the national tournament at Kansas City, Mo. This means that the winner of the best two out of three might be Central and if Central goes, there will be two Negro college quintets in the national.

Tuskegee Institute, Alabama A. and M. from Normal, Ala., Alabama State and Jackson, Miss., were out of the selection because the chairman of the Alabama-Mississippi district is a stubborn white Dixiecrat who refused to okay the membership of these schools because they are Negro institutions. But this cracker will be "taken care of" at the next meeting of the N.A.I.A.

Missed at the tournament is Ox Clemons, director of Morris Brown college in Atlanta. The grape vine has it that Ox left Atlanta on Jan. 30 for New York university to work on his master's degree in physical education. He is on leave of absence. William T. Green is coaching the Wolverine basketball team which was seriously handicapped when two of the team's stars were sent home along with practically "every dern" good football player including Henry Mosely of Chattanooga, Tenn., their ace.

REASON: Their athletic scholarships were suddenly terminated. Thus when Ox climbed into his Buick and headed for the big city, notices were in the mail and delivered the next morning informing the group of nearly 36 athletes that they were being dropped. Boy, what a blow!

Clemons' football record in games won and loss was seven and three in 1950, ten and one in 1951 and seven and three in 1952. In 1951, Morris Brown was southern conference champions and claimed the National Negro college football title. North Carolina had won seven, lost one to Virginia State, 7 to 13, and tied with Florida seven and seven. Morris Brown romped over Florida, 20 to 13 in Tallahassee. Last fall Jake Gaither's Rattlers took a big bite out of Morris Brown, 26 to 7.

There is some thinking among the coaches that Clemons might seek the job as head coach at Howard university. And it is being whispered that he may not be returned to Morris Brown as head football coach. There were several reasons given but we won't go into any of them.

Morris Brown seems to be in the habit of making drastic changes. First, it was the president of the school in 1949 when Bishop Wright took over the district. E. C. Mitchell, dean of the college, was made acting president when William Fountain, Jr., was ousted. Bishop Sherman L. Greene took over the Ninth Episcopal district of the AME church and Wright was sent to Arkansas. Mitchell was supplanted by J. H. Lewis, former dean of Wilberforce university. Mitchell was moved down a peg, this time to vice president. Clemons went to Morris Brown as assistant coach to Artis P. Graves in 1949 and moved up to head coach in 1950 when Graves went to North Carolina A. and T. as head of the biology department. Ex-Morris Brownites wanted Graves' scalp because he hadn't produced winning teams. Graves was really sitting on a smoldering volcano which was about to erupt and rumbling like Hawaiian cone about to go into action. He resigned.

TENNESSEE STATE'S new million dollar gym won't be ready until the last week in March when the National High School A. A. holds its national prep tournament. The official dedication will be the day before Thanksgiving this year . . . Biggest coach at the N.A.I.A. district at large tournament is Ray Kemp, director of athletics and head cage coach of Lincoln university in Jefferson City, Mo. . . . Tallest man is Tree Harris, 6 feet, 11½, former Xavier end and one of the four officials handling the tourney. Tree is coaching basketball at Ruston, La. (take notice, Al Monroe) . . . . Busiest men were H. A. Kean, director of athletics at Tenn. State university, and Henderson A. (Tubby) Johnson, director of athletics at Fisk . . . And Fisk is suddenly coming back into its own in the athletic world. Both Kean and Tubby were Fisk greats at football. The press group was led by smiling Marion E. Jackson Atlanta World, who was being towed along by Andrew H. Calloway of Tenn. State's publicity department and your's truly who didn't want Marion to fall into the duck pond.

Jay SAYS

Won't Go South

WE LIVE TO LEARN! the old saying goes. Seated at the dinner table in the Teachers' dining room at Tuskegee Institute the night of the 25th annual women's sports day meet, we learned a few things which should not have surprised us but they did.

Some of our coaches have been living under the dual educational system in the South so long that they have become blind to real facts in northern sections of the country. They accept Jim Crow.

We were being "raked over the coals" for helping youngsters secure a college education, especially when it came to advising them to attend northern colleges. No credit was given for the more than 40 years of efforts in directing some to Negro colleges or our help in making it possible for some coaches to obtain jobs. We expect no thanks—receive little.

How quick people forget the nice things done for them. We charged that to human nature. However, it caused us to become rather bitter when nothing but pure dumbness is exhibited by some who palm themselves off as leaders of our up-and-coming youth of today.

Let us emphatically state that when one accepts segregation in schools, he or she cannot expect integration in all other walks of life in any section. The same thing is true in the religious world. Of 15 young men, all athletes, we talked to this spring, nary a one wanted to go "South" to college. Their reasons were most sensible.

Their parents objected to anything south of the Mason and Dixie line for (1) most of them having come from down there just weren't going back and (2) having educated their children in Northern schools, were determined not to regulate their offsprings into a Jim Crow setup. Our next stumbling block is that we have been unable (with but one or two exceptions) to offer any athlete a scholarship that matches those more easily obtainable in the North.

To make it as plain as the day is long, we cite the instance of William McKinley Davis of the University of Iowa. He comes from an Illinois town. His uncle is President W. S. Davis of Tennessee A. and I. State university in Nashville. Henry A. Kean, director of athletics at the Nashville institute, as well as the president and the basketball coach, all would have been pleased to have the gangling, sure shot who is now known as "Deacon Davis" with them. But William McKinley Davis went to Iowa instead. All the charms that Uncle W. C. could dangle in front of him didn't match the eloquence and persuasive powers of one Judge Fred "Duke" Slater, Chicago municipal judge, a Democrat elected citywide and former All-American, all-time great football tackle at Iowa. We have no thought that the judge's size scared young Davis into going to Iowa, but our good friend Slater can put things over just like he bowled over opposing linemen.

The fact that Joel McRae will enroll at Iowa this fall makes us think that Judge Slater has been busy again. Tony Davis, the Danville, Ill., star, whom so many coaches would liked to have landed, will enter Seton Hall college, East Orange, N. J., which loses Wally Dukes, 6 feet, 11 inches tall, by graduation and to the Globetrotters.

THE DUMBNESS IS that basketball coaches in Florida and Georgia believe we could help them, but won't. They have the cart before the horse. It isn't that we "won't." It is we "can't." The Chicago boys and those from the suburbs just can swallow anything coming from either state. We might just as well try to peddle Mississippi to them. If they didn't have any better sense than to jump at the bait, old Ma and Pa are ready to step in and land a Joe Louis haymaker to either knock the idea out of their head or to put some sense into it.

The biggest joke was when one of the coaches suggested we had segregated public schools in Chicago because he learned that Phillips, DuSable, Carver, Dunbar and McKinley fielded all Negro cage and football teams; that Wells soon would follow; that the system (2) with the coach Crane, Englewood and others re- himself and (3) you can't perlied upon their Negro students for good teams. We had a hard time convincing him that Chicago is not in either Georgia or Florida; the faculty of any of the Windy City high schools are not selected because of color; neither were the coaches.

We offer something when we have something to offer. The fault lies—not with us, but (1) with

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Sports of The Times

By JOSEPH M. SHEEHAN

At the Polo Grounds

IN various stages of undress, the Giants were lounging about the clubhouse preparatory to taking the field for pre-game practice.

Sal Maglie was scanning mail at a table near the door. Bobby Thomson and Whitey Lockman were autographing baseballs. Dave Koslo, who hails from Menasha, Wis., where the winters are cold, was inspecting the insulated overcoats displayed by Eddie Logan, the clubhouse major domo.

Monty Irvin was sprawled on an equipment trunk near the rubbing table, talking to Doc Bowman, the trainer, who was working the kinks out of Jim Hearn's arm. Larry Jansen, sharing his locker with his oldest son, was chatting with Frank Shellenback, the pitching coach. Al Dark sat on a stool pounding a ball into the pocket of a new glove. Henry Thompson, chair tilted back against the wall, gazed dreamily into space. And so on.

Visitors arrived. Maglie, looking up, greeted them. "Here's a good one," said Sal, passing a letter for inspection. "Fellow sent it with this picture he took of me in Jersey City in 1942."

"I haven't changed much, at that, have I?" mused Sal. "It's funny, though. Notice how clean shaven I am in that picture. I never had much of a beard until I spent that time in Mexico. Now I wonder whether it pays to shave at all."

You Can't Tee Up

In his office, Leo Durocher, comfortably arranged in a swivel chair with feet propped on his cluttered desk, was holding relaxed court.

"What do you think about this proposition that every ball club should have a golf pro on its staff?" someone asked the Giant manager.

"I won't buy it!" replied Leo firmly. "In golf the ball is sitting up for you and you can't miss it if you keep your eye on it. It's not like that in baseball, where tonight you face a fast-ball pitcher who makes that ball go whssht and tomorrow some side-arm cunny-thumber who throws soft stuff from out there. It makes all the difference in the world.

"Slumps—I know what causes slumps. A hitter gets lunging and looking toward third base instead of sighting down his bat when he swings. Of course, knowing what's wrong doesn't always help. A fellow's got to keep swinging and work out of it himself.

"Don't forget those golf pros have their slumps, too," continued Durocher. "Hogan, Snead, all of them. How many times do they get 67, 68 today and 75, 76 tomorrow? Nobody calls for Hornsby when that happens, do they?

"No, it just wouldn't work," he concluded.

An Unexpected Visitor

A sudden babble from the room outside, punctuated by shrill "Hey man's," choked off further conversation.

Leo slammed down his feet and raised from his chair, a broad smile wreathing his face. "That can mean only one thing," he said. "Willie's back."

"Hey Willie, come here, you," Durocher bellowed. In a moment, in bounced a beaming Willie Mays.

"Look at you! Why, you're as fat as a pig," said Leo by way of greeting, winking eloquently at the others in the room.

Willie Mays

He's eager to get back into spiked shoes

"Hey man, how can you say that?" replied Willie. "I'm 178 pounds, just the same as I left. No foolin', man, I'm ready right now, Leo."

"What are we waiting for, then," said Durocher. "You want to work out with us?"

"Gee, man, sure I'd like to do that, Leo. But I don't have any shoes here," said Willie.

"We can fix that in a hurry," said Leo. "You see Eddie Logan. He'll take care of you."

"Listen, Willie, you better keep sharp. I don't know whether you could make this team. Where could I use you? We've got good players here," he added.

"Hey Leo, how about shortstop? Every Sunday I've been playing there. I can make that play from the hole like you say you could * * * and I'm hitting .394," said the grinning Mays as he headed toward the door.

Wait Till Next Year

"There's a great kid," said Durocher when Willie had left. "And he's got a chance to be a great player when he gets out of the Army, as good a chance as anyone I've ever seen.

"Besides all the things he can do, it's wonderful to have him around. He picks up the whole club. We could use him—and how!"

Willie, up from Camp Eustis, Va., on a three-day pass, took the field with the rest of the Giants and it wasn't long before the fans spotted his familiar No. 24.

He took his batting cuts with the irregulars, poled one into the left field seats and hit a couple of other good whacks.

In fielding practice, Thomson took a couple of loosening throws in center, then stepped aside in favor of Willie. Scooping up Herman Franks' fungoes cleanly, Willie fired three strikes to third. His first two returns to the plate were strong but a little off line. Then he sent a skipping bullseye into Wes Westrum's mitt and jogged off the field to a warm scattering of applause.

Willie won't be back at the Polo Grounds for keeps until next spring but it was good to see him again even for just a little while.

Arthur Daley, who writes Sports of THE TIMES *regularly, is on vacation.*

Negro Teams Still Missing at Madison Square Garden

NEW YORK — (ANP) — With the release of basketball dates for Ned Irish's annual college series, the absence of any colored college teams is as noticeable as the absence of Notre Dame.

The South Bend university has been one of the mainstays of the Garden double-headers since the program began 20 years ago. Their series with New York University was the stellar attraction, as boxing announcers yelp of the shindig.

This year, Notre Dame and NYU continue their series uninterrupted but strictly on a home and home basis, the first game being at South Bend this season. Always a past sellout, this game poured thousands of dollars into the pockets of the promoters. That dough now goes directly to the schools, but the question uppermost in the minds of fans is where is the New York game to be played?

Holding to his lil-white policy, promoter Irish has again ignored crack colored teams in the 17-night program. But promoter Irish found a spot for the Rio Grande college team which created such a sensation last year because of its star player, Bevo Francis. Irish's explanation is that these games are between "rivals." So a "rival" was created for Rio Grande, Adelphi college of Long Island.

When the basketball scandals broker, Notre Dame began making its moves to withdraw from long has been feuding with the Garden promoter.

Another newcomer is St. Francis College of Brooklyn, which the Garden.

Texas Southern Tigers Lose Players Who Rolled Up Big Ground Gains

Jay SAYS

OF ALL THE things that could have happened, when everybody else (or it seemed to be) was talking about the All-Star game of Tuesday of last week, Larry Amadee, Klondike (mayor of 51st st.,) and Abe Lincoln Blackwell of the Gary Defender got into an argument on boxing. As usual Larry was right at home but it seems that the three couldn't agree as to whether Mickey Walker, the Irish-American 147 pounder, ever fought or beat or got licked by Jack Sharkey. Amadee, former trainer of Joe Louis and John Henry Lewis and dozens of others and who is today ranked as one of the smartest men handling fighters, declared that Sharkey and Walker fought a draw.

Larry woke us up late that very night to decide the verbal battle. Getting roused out of a sound sleep to settle something in the sport world, past or present, leaves one with but one answer. "I won't decide that until I have time to look it up." The next day we did. Walker and Sharkey fought 15 rounds to a draw on July 22, 1931 in New York City. That wasn't so long ago but it was too long to trust to memory. That is one reason record books are printed and pencils and paper are made. As you grow older, you will find memory is very tricky.

A FEW DAYS ago we bumped into Larry in the offices of the Illinois State Athletic commission. He got us in a corner to get our answer then he cut loose on his days in the training camp with Louis and Lewis.

"As a heavyweight, in my opinion," declared Amadee who assisted the late Jack Blackburn in training of Louis but who was head trainer for John Henry Lewis, "there wasn't but one great heavyweight fighter and he was Joe Louis and there wasn't but one great world light-heavyweight and he was John Henry."

We agreed. By that time we had moved out into the corridor towards the express elevators. Bt we weren't getting away from Larry that easy.

He reminded us of the Bob Olin fight in St. Louis where it cost the late Gus Greenlee a lot of cash to get Bob to defend his title against John Henry. Gus had to guarantee Bob a big chunk of dough. The fight was poorly attended and lost money. Gus dug. The title changed hands on Oct. 31, 1935 going the limit of 15 rounds. Greenlee was Lewis' manager.

Lewis defended his title twice in 1936 winning in 15 rounds over Jock McAvoy in New York City on March 13 and from Len Harvey in 15 rounds in London, England, on Nov. 9.

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JOHN HENRY fought 19 times in 1936. He lost to Emilio Martinez in 10 stanzas in Denver on Jan. 29. He drew with George Nichols on April 7 in Buffalo. In all he had eight victories by decisions and nine by knockouts.

In 1937, Lewis was held to a 10 round draw by Al Ettore in Philadelphia on Jan. 4. He beat Ettore on Feb. 8 in the same city in 15 rounds. After the first Ettore bout, Lewis fought 19 times winning all of them but one — a 15 round go to Isadore Gastanaga in Detroit on Oct. 15. He scored 10 knockouts that year.

He fought 12 times in 1938, scoring six knockouts and in 193[illegible] Lewis was mismatched with Joe Louis for the world heavyweight championship in Madison Square Garden, New York City on Jan. 5. He was knocked out by Louis in the first round.

Lewis' eyesight was impared long before the fight. When we sought to discuss it with Amadee his answer was:

"I would rather not discuss that fight," he answered politely.

HOUSTON, Texas — The 1953 Texas Southern University Tigers will be the team without the statistics. Statistics for the 1952 season reveal that the yardage and touchdown producing elements af the 1952 team have departed.

Out of the 28 touchdowns scored by the aerial route, Audrey Ford threw 21. Ford is now in the army.

Out of the 56 touchdowns tallied, 21 of them were scored by L. Roach, seven by Charles Spigner, and seven by Harvey Banks, all departed.

Out of the 28 touchdown passes Roach and Spigner were on the receiving end of 12 of the passes. Out of the seven offensive starting linemen, four, Roach, Vernon Nichols, Charles Stewart and co-captain Oliver Brown — have graduated. Three of the backfield quartet — Ford, Banks and Spigner — will not be back.

On the bright side of the ledger, producers of 24 touchdowns will return. Leading the pack will be Edward Smith (12), Hubert Marks (6), and Fred Jackson (6).

Marks and Smith got their t.d.'s on the ground and Jackson was on the receiving end of six touchdown passes.

Smith, 195-pound fullback speedster, led all ground gainers with a phenominal 12.5 average per try. Emory Bowens, Ford's understudy at quarterback, completed 21 passes out of 40 attempts for 382 yards and seven touchdowns.

Seven of the Tigers' starting defensive linemen, who gave up only 1600 yards rushing in 11 games, will return. They are Horace Young, Eddie Little, James Silas, Herbert Dean, Lorenza Jackson, Willie Ross and Marvin Durden, jr.

Offensive linemen returning, who helped the Tigers roll up 3058 yards rushing, are Clyde Tillman, Loyce Walker and Fred Jackson.

SPORTS OF THE WORLD

By Marion E. Jackson

Wire service reporting wafted that day in sluggish Spring doldrums. There was nothing on the ticker that would impress potential newspaper reading customers. Into this drugged journalistic atmosphere there burst from nowhere the dateline which read: "Denver, Col.—Monte Irvin injured in a collision with Willie Mays at second base. He suffered an ankle injury that will keep him out the remainder of the season."

Barely had the teletypes fed this abbreviated tidbit before Sportscaster Al Helfer it to radio listeners. It was a genuine sports castatrophe. One that was to cost the New York Giants the National League pennant.

It is perhaps old stiff that Mays wept at the calamity which befell his hero. Irvin was Mays' idol. He worshipped the guy. The Birmingham, Ala., rookie sensation was further enshrouded in gloom when medical reported hinted Irvin was through.

Irvin's injury and Mays subsequent call to the colors dampened the Giants' chances. Their NL rivals virtually staggered them as they vainly sought a replacement for Irvin's bat and Mays' power. The Polo Grounds virtually limped through the first two-thirds.

Irvin, one of the comeback artists of all-times, had sufficiently recovered to pinchhit by August. By September he was a regular. Not only did he regain his superb fielding form but his stickwork was more awesome than ever. Like magic Irvin transform his drive and hustle into a team stimulus.

The Giants rallied to threaten the Brooklyn Dodgers in the stretch. However, Irvin returned to late. The miracle of '51 and the unforgettable playoff which culminated in Bobby Thomson's blast off Ralph Branca couldn't be duplicated.

Few will deny that Irvin is one of the comeback stories of '53. Even his most ardent supporters didn't look for him to be in the thick of the NL batting race. However, the lanky bronze leftfielder has blasted 16 home runs and driven in 73 runs. He is tied with Red Schoendienst of the St. Louis Cardinals for the batting lead.

After batting only .269 during the first month of the '53 campaign, Irvin has steadily climbed upwards reaching his highest percentage last week when he collected six hits in 15 times at bat for a three point gain.

Equally as amazing has beh Hank Thompson who is having his greatest year. He and Irvin have been a one-two punch that has mauled fences with reckless abandon.

Irvin is 34. That's the twilight zone for major leaguers. Because of his injury, he wasn't expected to gain his 1951 form. He hit .312 drove out 24 homers and batted across 121 tallies in the Giants historic come-from-behind pennant victory that year.

Today Irvin finds it a far cry from his tragic return trip from Denver. The gloom too is gone fom the Giants. Credit a large measure of the Giants surge to Irvin.

HERE AND THERE — Alex Durley, Athletic Director and Head Coach, Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas recently wrote:

Sandwiched between January 1, 1943, and January 1, 1953, there probably have been many thrills. However the greatest thrill of them all has been the sustained thrill of working and being associated with young athletes. The pleasures one derives out of seeing young athletes develop from a raw recruit to an often skillful performer is a real thrill. This is really the reason why the coach accepts the abuse of fans and alumni and takes chances on his health, future and security to stay with the game.

I have always felt that the real victory and the real thrill lie in the individual boy. When that mediocre high school fullback becomes your star college tackle, or that star high school end becomes an All-Star college center, or when the underprivileged kid across the tracks becomes the high school star with a scholarship awaiting to give him the same opportunity as the boy in the big white house on the hill, all real values of athletics become apparent.

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Local Boy Awarded 'Mr. Oklahoma' Trophy

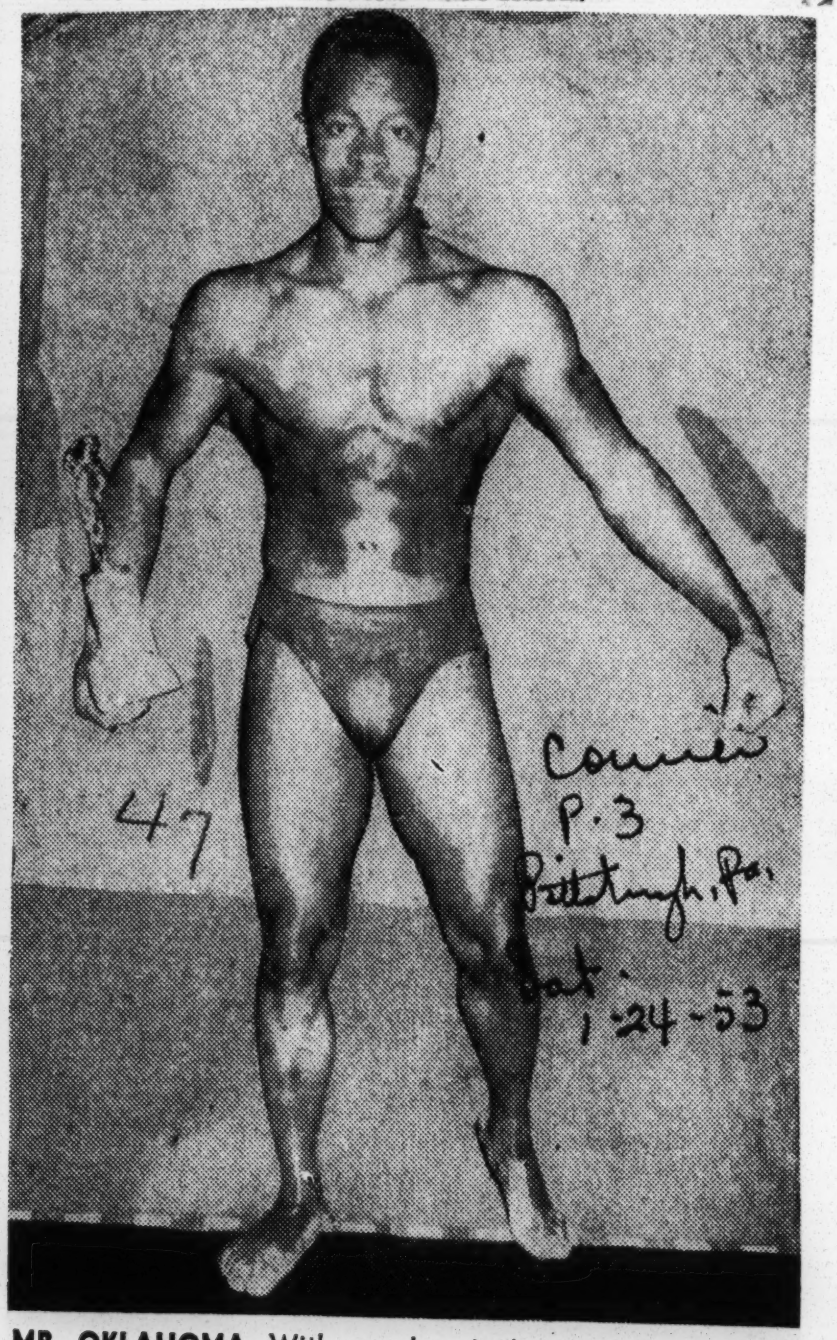
racial State-AAU activity presented in the history of the state and Huel won it! The exhibition of human relations shown at the contest was superb, for when Huel was presented the winner's beautiful trophy as the Y's representative the audience gave him a standing ovation of agreement. The trophy can be seen at the "Y."

We congratulate Huel and the many other persons who made this opportunity possible.—(Photo by Jerome Harris)

Monroe Huel, member of the Wedge club at the Northeast Fourth Street Branch YMCA, won the "Mr. Oklahoma" contest at the downtown Oklahoma City YMCA, Saturday night, Dec. 13, besting seven other physical specimen.

Jim Bass, of Tulsa, placed second to Huel in the annual event which was held in conjunction with the Oklahoma A. A. U. Weightlifting. Bill McKim, Tulsa, was third. Both against Huel were white and the lone other colored in the contest was Harvey McCleary, who placed fifth.

This contest was history making because it was the first inter-



MR. OKLAHOMA—With muscles rippling and biceps bulging, 17-year-old Monroe Huel, of Oklahoma City, had little difficulty in winning the judges' favor in the recent "Mr. Oklahoma" contest. Representing the Fourth Street Branch YMCA, young Huel was one of several Negroes entering the contest for the first time in local history. The interracial aspect of the contest was further accentuated when the lad received a standing ovation after being announced as the winner. He's in line for the city crown, on tap soon.

Henderson's Comments

By EDWIN B. HENDERSON
For the NNPA News Service

How may colored boys play soccer? How many colored colleges have soccer teams?

Soccer, in one form on another, is one of the oldest games in the world. An ancient Siamese game over 3,000 years old, it is based on kicking a ball with the feet. Great dexterity in running and use of the feet is developed through "feet ball."

Soccer attracts far more spectators in Europe, Asia and South America than does our brand of football.

Several of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association colleges have engaged in intercollegiate soccer.

Best Players From Abroad

The best players at most American colleges are boys whose youth has been spent in Great Britain, Germany, Holland, France, India, South America, and former colonial areas.

Georgetown University's 1952 team comprises players from Italy, Mexico, and South America. Howard University's squad of thirty players consists largely of foreign students. Only three American students are out for the 1952-53 Howard team.

Some of these Howardites hail from Nigeria and the Gold Coast of Africa, Jamaica, Barbados, British Guiana, Grenada, and other British islands in the Caribbean.

Howard University began its first official athletic contests with Georgetown University this season. The first game was won by the Bisons on the Howard campus by a score of 4 to 1. A return match will be played on the Georgetown campus.

Howard also has the Catholic University soccer team and the Las Americas team on its schedule. Lincoln of Pennsylvania is the only CIAA team to schedule a game with Howard this year.

Barriers Falling

In previous years, the Bisons have met Seton Hall, Queens College in Brooklyn, Wilkes College, Bloomsburg Teachers College, Lockhaven and Hampton Institute. With racial barriers which block free competition

falling, it is expected that H
ard will soon match soccer pl
with other schools in Maryla
and Virginia.

Change of Pace

Cleveland Browns May Have Rookie Sensation

By BILL NUNN JR.

You won't find Tom Carodine's name on the list of those players drafted by professional football teams the past week but the former major of Boystown in Nebraska may be the "sleeper" among the rookies next season. Carodine, a hard-running, elusive halfback was signed recently by the Cleveland Browns . . . which should be enough said about his ability as a player. He formerly attended Nebraska and has just finished a hitch in the Marines.

Bill Nunn Jr.

Last season, among other outstanding accomplishments on the gridiron, Carodine raced for three touchdowns against the powerful San Diego Navy team, reputed to be the strongest service eleven in the land. The youngster was persuaded to join the Browns by Oscar Cunningham, one of the few Negro scouts in pro football and a former assistant to Jordan Olivar, new Yale coach, when the latter was at Loyola.

Wonder how many people know that Lieut. Charles F. Jones, recently appointed as the first Negro to ever command a detective squad in New York City, is the same guy who wrecked opposing backfields when performing as a tackle with NYU during the early Thirties? He was also the first Easterner to better 50 feet in the shotput . . . According to Jim Tucker, All-America cage prospect at Duquesne University, where he becomes eligible for basketball after a semester suspension, Feb. 2, Bevo Francis, Rio Grande sensation, can live up to his rave notices. "He can shoot with either hand and has a deadly eye," Tucker said of the 6-foot, 9-inch giant who recently scored 116 points in a single game. Incidentally, in Rio Grande's two games with Negro colleges this season Francis' performances have varied. Bluefield held him to 21 points, his lowest output of the season, but Bevo came back against Wilberforce and dumped 69 points through the nets. Rio Grande won both games.

Kansas State, which was ranked as the nation's top cage team during the earlier part of the season, doesn't have a tan performer on its squad this season. Gene Wilson, a regular on last year's team is currently in the Army. Kansas State coaches hope to have him back for the 1953-'54 season. Veryl Switzer is an outstanding defensive halfback on Kansas State's football team.

Cleo Littleton, a 6-foot, 4-inch forward at Wichita, is again leading that team in scoring. Last season, Cleo scored 555 points and became the first freshman to ever make the Missouri Valley Conference All-Star team . . . Who said colleges have too much athletic material? In a recent basketball game against Tillotson College of Austin, Tex., Prairie View College played the last four minutes of the game with only four men. They lost, too, 89-85. Prairie View is being coached by Grant S. Gray, former basketball great at Kentucky State College. Gray is also an outstanding cage official, having officiated in the National Basketball Tournament in Nashville last year.

Some people might not like the new football switch from the two platoon system, but Henry (Model-T) Ford, outstanding defensive back at Pitt for the last two seasons, isn't one of them. A quarterback on offense . . . and a good one . . . Ford figures the change will force him into starting roles. He's much too good a player to sit on the bench . . : Art Dorrington, currently playing hockey for the Johnstown Jets in the Eastern Hockey League, was once part of the most feared brother acts in hockey. However, death from an ice injury to his brother, Doug, three years ago, broke up the combination and came close to making Art hang up his skates.

Arthur E. Francis, assistant executive secretary of the American Tennis Association, writes: "There is no doubt in my mind, that if we have players of Davis Cup, or Wightman Cup ability, we would get a chance to represent our country in this competition" . . . In a letter to our Ric Roberts, Alexander Durley, competent coach and athletic director at Texas Southern University, says, "Florida A. and M. should be referred to as the Courier's National Champions." Quick question, Mr. Durley, "What about the Associated Negro Press who also nominated Jake Gaither's Rattlers as their mythical national champions?"

To the National League fan from Florida who wanted to know the spring headquarters of all the clubs, here goes:

CLUB	TRAINING BASE	HOTEL HEADQTS.	FIRST SQD. REPORTS
Boston	Bradenton, Fla.	Dixie Grande	Feb. 23
Brooklyn	Vero Beach, Fla.	Dodgertown	Feb. 19
Chicago	Mesa, Ariz.	Maricopa	Feb. 19
Cincinnati	Tampa, Fla.	Floridan	Feb. 26
New York	Phoenix, Ariz.	Adams	Feb. 23
Philadelphia	Clearwater, Fla.	Fort Harris	Feb. 19
Pittsburgh	Havana, Cuba	Guano Bacoa	Feb. 20
St. Louis	Petersburg, Fla.	Bainbridge	Feb. 18

Ernie Pitts, powerful end on Aliquippa, Pa., High School's undefeated football team, was recently selected to the mythical High School All-America grid team. This youngster has scholarship offers coming in from all directions.

I'll Buy Old Timers Negro Hall Of Fame

There has been much discussion recently about a proposed Negro Hall of Fame, and in most instances, the talkers and writers have been opposed to the proposition.

I'm a firm believer in complete integration—sports, army, entertainment, religion and what have you. I know the humiliation of serving in a Jim Crow unit in the Army, being denied opportunity in certain fields in sports and seeing entertainers rejected because of their color.

But this Negro Hall of Fame if I understand it correctly will not be for those athletes of today. Instead, it will serve to keep the memory of those of bygone days from passing into oblivion.

The names of Jackie Robinson, Larry Doby, Luke Easter, Minnie Minoso and Roy Campanella may someday become part of the Americana in Baseball's Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N. Y., and that would be pleasing to me.

But the names of such great diamond stars as Pete Hill, Christobel Torrientti, Rurley McNair, Wilbur "Bullet" Rogan, Oscar Charleston, Bruce "Buddy" Petway, Frank Warfield, William "Dizzy" Dismukes, Dick Redding, Oliver Marcelle and many others who made great contributions to the national game, will not be included among the names of those carved on the hallowed walls of the monument to baseball at Cooperstown.

It was because of the sweat and blood from these players as they struggled to carve a small place for the Negro in baseball that Robinson, Cambanella, Doby and others are in the major league today.

It was because of the foresight of Andrew "Rube" Foster, Joe Green and others who formed the Negro National League, back in 1919 that Negro baseball was kept alive, and, while it was born in strife and tribulation, the foundation on which others could leap to greater heights was laid.

Surely we cannot forget the great ontibutions made by those men.

Fritz Pollard, Duke Slater, Jerome Holland and many other great Negro players, etched their names deep in the annals of football while wearing the colors of great universities, where the majority of the students are white But at the same time Ben Stevenson, John "Big Train" Moody Jazz Byrd, Red Dabney and others were achieving fame at Negro schools.

Certainly they are a part and parcel of that part of the Negro's great tradition in America. But are we willing to forget that tradition? Are we ashamed of it?

There should be some way whereby we can cherish the memory of those great athletes of another day. We should hold them as dear to our hearts as the Australians hold Bob Fitzsimmons, the Irish, John Sullivan, the Greeks, the Marathon runner.

So, because of my strong contention that old-time Negro sports greats are fast becoming the forgotten men of the diamond, the gridiron and other athletic battlefields, I'll go along with the Negro Hall of Fame idea.

But, to keep from slowing the parade of integration in sports, this corner would rigorously exclude for membership any present-day athlete whose accomplishments would qualify him for similar honors in the general sports world.

Let Jackie, Roy, Don Newcombe, Willie Mays and Monte Irvin battle for top honors with the best. If they're good enough, they'll make Cooperstown.

But let's keep the names of Rube Foster, Dick Lundy and Oscar Charleston alive and a Hall of Fame for these old-time, all-time all-stars is OK by me.

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Jay SAYS

Feabe Williams

THE LATE BILL Tate having been born in Montgomery, Ala., and received a college education before he left to seek ring laurels in the north was not the only decendant of Ham who left the Alabama soil for "parts unknown." Remember Joe Louis Barrow, the former world heavyweight champion who laid his title on the line more times than any other living man, came from Privit Barrow, just out a ways from Lafayette (they put the accent on the second syllable down thataway,) a hamlet in Alabama and such baseball stars as Willie Mays and Monte Irvin of the New York Giants (Mays is in the army) hail from that state.

The world's greatest sprinter in the first 40 years of the century and three events Olympic champion in 1936, Jesse Owens, comes from there and is quick to tell you "they fetched me away when a mere stripling thank heavens."

IT IS TRUE that Jesse got his training on the playgrounds of Cleveland, Ohio. This would have been impossible in Alabama. No one knew where Irvin was "from" until he made good in the majors and [illegible] dispute arose between two counties, one in Alabama and one in Georgia, as to his birthplace and it was left for the Montgomery Advertiser, of course, to get her sister state straightened out. And there are many others from the land where, as one looks out the window as the train moves on between Birmingham and Opelika, he sees the names of another race on the depot sign boards — Indian names. And then he talks with people — non-whites who are a mixture of Indians and Negroes — and some almost pure whites who are classified as Negroes. The system which was in vogue (as far as the mixing of the races is concerned) from Natchez, Miss., along the Mississippi River to New Orleans where once lavish plantations were owned by men whose sons along with themselves had Negro families. We won't go into that here. In Alabama it is different. They don't pass themselves off as Creoles or try to be anything else but one of us.

We have sort of strayed our subject, it is of another Alabama fighter, George Godfrey, born in Mobile on Jan. 25, 1900. This battler was not the Original George Godfrey, "Old Chocolate," who was born in the Prince Edward Islands in 1853 on March 20 and who died in Revere, Mass., on August 18, 1901.

THE GODFREY WE knew was generally known as the "Leiperville Shadow." That was because the sport writers, who often get "way off base," had him down as from Leiperville, Pennsylvania, where his manager was from. This Godfrey, who later attempted to "fight" bulls (real ones) south of the border, was born Feabe Smith Williams. Like Owens, his folks left Alabama's soil when he was a baby. At the age of two, little Feabe was living in Chicago. . .

He was sent back south to his relatives when he reached school age. School records at Tuskegee institute will bear his name but no Godfrey. He worked for the Alabama Dry Dock and Ship company in Mobile until the United States became involved in the first World War. He enlisted in the 13th Infantry and was with that outfit when the firing ceased. He was transferred to the 421st Labor battalion. During off hours he learned to box. When Sam Langford came into the Montgomery camp for an exhibition, Godfrey was on the bill and in beating his opponent, impressed Langford who was residing in Chicago at the time. And who also was living here but the late Jack Blackburn and Jack Johnson was on the road starring in a "vodvil" show. It was Johnson who introduced Godfrey to Jimmy Dougherty, who was known as the "Baron of Leiperville," Dougherty became Godfrey's manager.

We will give you more about Godfrey in another column.

NOTE: Some columnist might do better if they kept a dictionary at their elbow. Common expressions, if looked up, mean some thing entirely different. To label people on what others think is far from being just. The best way to write a column is on facts — not hearsay. Because one has a typewriter or a pen doesn't give him the right to call a man a d-- fool and all the good intended in an article can be kicked to hell and gone because one doesn't know the true meaning of of a word.

Wendell Smith's SPORTS BEAT

'The Goose' Was a Switch Hitter

Reece (Goose) Tatum, the highest paid basketball player in the world, dropped his 6 foot, 3-inch frame down on one of the finely upholstered chairs in Abe Saperstein's exquisitely furnished office and said, wistfully:

"Yes, I like basketball. That's how I make my living. But, you know, if I had it to do all over again, I'd try to be a big league baseball player. Baseball is my first love."

Tatum is the first love of a million or more basketball fans. They love him in El Dorado, Ark., which is his hometown, and they love him, too, in Hong Kong, Singapore, Istanbul, Casablanca, Zurich, Barcelona, New York, and every place else he has appeared with the Harlem Globetrotters.

They call him the "Clown Prince" of sports, and if you don't laugh when you see him go through his side-splitting routine, you should go to the nearest mortuary and check in.

Off the basketball court, however, "The Goose" is a serious-minded, straight-thinking man. He is what athletes call "a loner," stays to himself, talks only when necessary, and lives a life some people would call monotenous and dull. In a basketball uniform, he's the life of the party. In civilian attire, you'd never know he was at the party.

"I played baseball," he said, "before Abe Saperstein signed me to play with the Globetrotters. I played with the Jacksonville Red Caps, Indianapolis Clowns and Birmingham.

"I liked baseball. I played first base and was a switch hitter. I started playing in 1940 with Birmingham in the Negro-American League. In 1941, I signed with the Globetrotters. In the summer I played baseball and in the winter basketball. I did that for nine years, except, of course, during the two years I spent in the Army.

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Thinks He Could Have Made the Majors

"In 1950, the Globetrotters started playing the year around, summers in Europe and winters in the United States. I quit baseball when they started that because I could make more money playing basketball."

Tatum's salary is between $25,000 and $35,000 a year. He lives in Gary, Ind., with his wife and four-year-old son, "Goose Jr." Within the next few years he plans on moving to Kansas City, Mo., where he will open a tavern and restaurant.

"Gotta' get something going for me," he said, "before I get too old to play basketball. I don't want to play until I'm old and weary."

Returning to his first love, baseball, he said: "I never thought much about playing big league baseball when I was active in the game because at that time Negroes hadn't been admitted into the majors. When Jackie Robinson went in, I had just about made up my mind to quit the game for basketball.

"But I think I could have made the majors if I had concentrated on the game. I wasn't a bad hitter. My last season in the Negro-American League I hit .320, which isn't bad, if you know what I mean."

During his baseball career, Tatum played against all the Negroes who are in the majors today with the exception of Bill Bruton, the young Milwaukee outfielder. He is a keen student of the game and follows it avidly throughout the season. We asked him to pick a team

composed of the best Negro ball players he had seen or played against and he came up with the following:

Buck Leonard, Homestead Grays, first base; Barney Serrell, Kansas City, second base; Willie Wells, Newark Eagles, shortstop; Howard Easterling, Homestead Grays, third base; James (Cool Papa) Bell, Homestead Grays, Willard Brown, Kansas City, and Ted Strong, Kansas City, outfielders.

He named Josh Gibson, Grays, and Roy Campanella, Brooklyn, as the catchers. His pitchers were Satchel Paige, Ray Brown, Grays; Leon Day, Newark; Dave Barnhill of the New York Cubans as his pitchers.

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They Must Keep Moving to Make Money

"You would have a hard time beating that team," he said. "Those fellows I named could do everytihng, hit, run and throw."

What about players like Robinson, Larry Doby, Monty Irvin, Hank Thompson, Willie Mays and others now in the big leagues?

"Well," he answered, "they're all fine ball players. But, truthfully, I think the fellows on that team I named were better players. That's my own opinion, of course. I suppose a lot of people will disagree with me, but that's the way I see it."

Tatum has prospered in many ways playing with the Globetrotters. His salary is not only tops, but he has traveled farther, been more places and enjoyed more acclaim probably than any living athlete today.

"It's nice," he agreed, "to get around the way we do and see so many sights and people. But, truthfully, I don't like to travel much. I'd rather be in one place and live a normal, quiet life.

"It can't be that way, however. We gotta' keep on the move in order to be successful and to make money. Actually, I can't complain. Mr. Saperstein has been very good to me. He picked me up when I hardly knew what a basketball was and taught me all I know about the game.

"I had never played with any team before he picked me up. I used to fool around in scrub games in El Dorado but nothing more. I have never played with any team except the Globetrotters and never will. I figure I can go on for another five years maybe, then I'm quitting.

"When I quit the Globetrotters, I'm all through. I am not going to form my own team. People have said that I was going to quit the Globetrotters and organize my own club, but that's not true. I am satisfied right where I am, with the Globetrotters."

"The Goose," lean and lanky, stood up and stretched his arms, exhibiting the longest wing span in captivity, more than eighty inches across.

"Yes, sir," he said, "basketball has been good to me. I couldn't ever make as much money doing anything else. I guess I'm a pretty lucky guy. I've been all over the world, traveled more than a million miles. People have been nice to me every place I've been, and in general it's a pretty soft life."

Then the Globetrotter star flashed a big smile and started walking toward the door.

"But you know what?" he said. "If I had it to do all over again, I still think I'd be a big league baseball player. I just love baseball!"

SAYS

ALAN MOODY, the former Savoy A. C. boxer who went on to win Golden Gloves laurels and to become one of the most promising of the local crop of welterweights around Chicago, wasn't smart enough to solve Del Flanagan's style in the Chicago Stadium. The bout was the feature attraction of the International Boxing Club's inauguration of its fall-winter season.

Moody, winner of 26 out of 27 pro bouts at the time he stepped into the ring, was knocked out in the seventh round of a scheduled ten-stanza setto. But Moody allowed the white boy to force him to fight the way Flanagan and his seconds had planned. And in front on the score cards of one judge and the referee, Moody went in to trade punches and carry the fight to Flanagan in that seventh and in doing so got smacked on the jaw hard enough to put Moody down for the six-count.

He continued fighting at the count of "eight" but his head wasn't clear and the smart Flanagan quickly maneuvered Moody against the ropes near the neutral corner where he put everything he had into a flurry of lefts and rights which landed on the defenseless Moody. Alan toppled over like a torpedoed boat landing on his right side, remaining there long after the count of "10."

Flanagan left the ring with 62 victories out of 71 pro fights to his credit. Twenty-five wins were by knockouts. His losses which include one knockout total seven. He had fought two draws. But look at the record of the man Moody was sent against. Del has beaten Arthur King, Beau Jack (right after Jack whipped Johnny Bratton) Jackie Graves and Sandy Saddler and in his five Chicago appearances he has been the winner.

Moody's record now is 26 victories in 28 starts. He has been boxing pro 21 months. When Eddie Plicque was matchmaker at the now closed Savoy A. C., Moody was used any number of times. As an amateur he looked fairly good but never seemed to have carried the sock needed to make a good pro. However, Sam Pian, who piloted Barney Ross to the world lightweight and world welterweight championships, is manager of Moody. Ross was in Alan's corner.

The loss shouldn't upset Moody because Flanagan is a hit, back pedal then grab fighter. He makes you chase him but it should convince Alan, Pian and Ross as well as Moody that if a rematch is signed for that Moody needs to be schooled thoroughly against Flanagan's hit, run and clinch style.

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THE WORLD SERIES? We'll string along with Brooklyn. The Dodgers have their best chance to whip the Yankees. We'll have our fingers crossed because a game is not over until the last out. The Dodgers have the hitters and pitchers. The Yankees have hitting power and plenty of power in replacements. They also have pitching.

Good pitching stops all that good hitting, was the way Rube Foster used to put it. Since Jackie Robinson's signing with the Brooklyn outfit, we have been for them win or lose. We don't bet and wouldn't advise anyone else to do so. Along with Jackie, Roy Campanella, the National League's greatest catcher this year; Junior Gilliam, who replaced Robinson at second, and Joe Black, pitcher, also carry our hopes.

The basketball season has a few more weeks before getting under way. The busy schedule of the Harlem Globetrotters adorns the wall of Owner Abe Saperstein's office. One unit will play in Australia this January. And outdoors too because (1) indoor facilities aren't large enough to accomodate the crowds and (2) January "down under" is the same sort of weather we got here in August when the 95 degree plus wave hit us for a record number of days.

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City of Brotherly Love Seeing the Light?

Philly Clubs Want Us

Athletics Moving Fast; Prospects Going South

Ehlers Tells How Negroes Helped Win Pennant in Minors; Reveals Some Players Will Go to Ottawa, Savannah, Ga.; Winston-Salem, N. C.—Judy Johnson Scout With Team

By W. ROLLO WILSON

PHILADELPHIA—Arthur Ehlers, general manager of the Athletics, was talking. "Negro players have definitely helped the Athletics' farm system and I will welcome the day when one or more of the boys we now have will be coming up to the A's. They won the pennant for us at St. Hyacinthe in the Provincial League and some of the same fellows who have been moved up may turn the trick this year with Ottawa in the International."

Bright star of the players from "St. Hy" who will spring-train with Ottawa is infielder Rector Lopez. He was a sensation in Class C in 1952 and if he is not quite ready for AAA he will be sent to the Macks' A club in Savannah. "But I do not think he will miss," prophesied Art.

Bob Trice, a pitcher, and outfielders Joe Taylor and Al Pinkston are also marked for the Canadian farm. If these men are shy of the standard set for the top minors, then all three will probably wind up in Williamsport, Pa. Already assigned upstate is Alonzo Brathwaite of Panama, who was with St. Hyacinthe last year.

Jim Tate, a catcher from Greensboro, and Joe Rice, a shortstop from Winston-Salem, will start the season with Fayetteville in the Carolina League.

FLEMING REEDY GETS THE NOD!

In his opinion, what player would be the first to reach the A's home team? Art did not have to ponder over the answer.

"I believe that Fleming Reedy, who played with Lincoln in the Western League last year, will be that one. He did a grand job for the club last year and for some time hit over .300, but slumped off towards the end of the season.

He was one of three men whom Judy Johnson signed for us and were sent there. The others were Butts, a shortstop, and Wimore, a pitcher. Butts' legs gave out and Wilmore developed a sore arm and both were released.

Editor's note: Judy Johnson, an Athletics scout, was an all-time great as an infielder with Hilldale and with Gus Greenlee's Pittsburgh Crawfords. He is one of a number of Negro scouts with major league clubs.

"As you know, we have assigned Reedy to the Savannah team for 1953. He played one game with Savannah against the A's during spring training in 1952 although he was a member of the Lincoln club. We tried it for an experiment to see how the people down there would react to a Negro on the home team and the result was favorable. He played a fine game that night, was applauded by the home fans and I was greatly encouraged.

"Perhaps you remember that I told you about three years ago that I just wished I had nerve enough to assign a colored player to our team in Savannah because his presence would get us the support of the Negro fans? After that I saw how warmly the Brooklyn players were greeted when they played there. Then I used Reedy that night. Now I have the nerve.'"

Joining Reedy at Savannah will be Elbert Israel, last year the shortstop on the Harrisburg, Class B Middle Atlantic League. He led the loop in hitting, but his arm was not strong enough for the long throw to first base, Art said, and so he will be used at second base. Manager Les Bell is "high" on Reedy and predicts that the A's may call him up before the season is over.

MUST COME UP HARD WAY . . . NOW

"More and more clubs are telling their scouts not to overlook Negro players, but most of them are looking for sure-fire major leaguers like Robinson and Doby. That was the condition which obtained several years ago when some of the men had had years of experience and were ready to step into the big time.

"But the majors were reluctant and the men who were ready became over-age and lost their opportunity. Now nobody is ready and the scouts must sense budding greatness in the kids on sandlots, schools and colleges. They will have to come up the hard way—through the minors."

I asked the long-limbed executive how many Negroes were in their system." "Frankly," concluded Art, "I do not know at this time and will not until we get the minor clubs to spring training. Our scouts have a regular form which comes in to us when they sign boys, and there is no racial designation on it. Could be that we have a half-dozen whose identity I do not yet know."

And that's the picture of the Philadelphia Athletics and their Negro ball hands.

Birmingham's in U. S. A.

But 'Segregation Sport Law' Proves National Disgrace

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Harvard University has reportedly withdrawn from the Southern Relays scheduled for April 4 at Legion Field because a city ordinance, adopted in 1950, bans the participation of Negro and white athletes in sports in this city.

The city sports segregation law was adopted following the appearance of Wally Triplett with the Detroit Lions, who met the Washington Redskins in the now discontinued Pro Bowl, sponsored by the Birmingham Junior Chamber of Commerce. Triplett did not play. He worked out with the team but allegedly was held out of the game by "a gentleman's agreement."

The following year, 1951, Emellen Tunnell and William (Stonewall) Jackson of the New York Giants football team were not even allowed to sit on the bench with the team when the Giants played the Redskins. The four-year-old charity bowl game folded after this contest.

Alan Hoyte, a Negro runner, is a member of the Harvard track team. The anti-interracial sports law would have prohibited him from participating in the Birmingham meet.

Here is a copy of the sports segregation law:

An ordinance to amend Section 597 of the General Code of the City of Birmingham of 1944.

Be it ordained by the Commission of the City of Birmingham that Section 597 of the General Code of the City of Birmingham of 1944 be, and said section is, amended so as to read as follows:

S. E. C. 597 Negroes and White persons not to play together.

It shall be unlawful for a Negro and a white person to play together or in company with each other in any game of cards, dice, dominoes, checkers, baseball, softball, football, basketball or similar games.

Any person, who, being the owner, proprietor or keeper or superintendent of any tavern, in, restaurant, ball field, stadium or other public house or public place, or the clerk, servant or employe of such owner, proprietor, keeper or superintendent, knowingly permits a Negro and a white person to play, together or in company with each other, at any game with cards, dice, dominoes or checkers, or at any game with a baseball, softball, basketball or other ball, in his house or on his premises or in a house or on premises under his charge, supervision or control, shall, on conviction, be punished as provided in Section 4.

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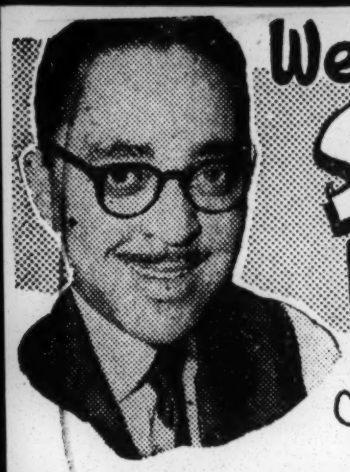

Wendell Smith's SPORTS BEAT

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They're Off and Running for the Flag . . .

It's a long way from April to September . . . a long, treacherous way . . . and the uncertainty of the journey is the thing that makes it fascinating.

Which teams will it be in October? Will it be the Yankees and Dodgers again in the fall classic? . . . Or will it be the Indians and Phillies? Can it possibly be the White Sox and Giants? . . . Or will it be two of the other clubs who right now don't seem to have a chance?

No one knows right now, but everyone likes to speculate. It is the sacred duty, too, of those of us who circulate and toil in the "Wonderful World of Nonsense," which is another way of saying the sports world, to exhibit how smart and wise we are.

It's the time of the year when the sportswriters must look in the tea cup, spread the goofer dust and walk through the cemetery at midnight accompanied by three black cats.

Then you sit down and tell the world, which is waiting with abated breath, what's going to happen in baseball.

Well . . . listen, world!

American League	National League
New York	Brooklyn
Cleveland	Philadelphia
Philadelphia	St. Louis
Chicago	New York
Detroit	Chicago
Washington	Cincinnati
Boston	Milwaukee
St. Louis	Pittsburgh

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Another Subway Series in 1953

In the American League the Yankees have just a little too much again. They have a kid by the name of Mantle, who can hit a ball a country mile . . . Rizzuto and Mize, Woodling and Bauer . . . McDougal and Berra . . . and pitchers like Reynolds and Raschi, Lopat and Ford, Blackwell and Sain . . . and they also have the best manager in baseball and the best spirit.

Barring serious injuries, the Yanks will be in there again, mister.

In the National League it'll be Brooklyn under the wire by a nose, beating out the ambitious Phillies. The Dodgers have so much talent they don't know what to do with it. They're sending guys back to the minors who should stay up in the majors.

But what else can a manager do when he has men like the great Robinson and the daring Reese? . . . Who can budge the perfect catcher, Campanella? . . . or out-run and out-hit the explosive Snider? Who is going to tee off on pitchers like Black and Roe, Erskine and Loes? . . . And then there is that rookie on second base . . . the kid who made the great Robinson move over, Junior Gilliam! . . . How about that?

Barring serious injuries, the Dodgers will be in there again, mister.

So, it'll be the same old story when World Series time rolls around. You'll go to Yankee Stadium for the first two games and then take the Subway over to Ebbets Field for the next three.

It'll probably end up the same as last year, too. The Yankees! Who else?

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Gilliam Will Keep the Dodgers Strong . . .

So that's settled . . . It's in the big for the Yankees and Dodgers . . . Please! . . . let's not argue, you'll just be wasting your breath. You may horse whip us in October, but the law says ya gotta wait until then.

Meantime, what kind of a season are the Negro stars in the big leagues going to have? Will they be as scintillating as in the past? Let's see what the crystal ball says:

JACKIE ROBINSON, Brooklyn—Slowing down considerably but still the key man on the club . . . Will hit .300 or better and top his home-run mark of 19 for one season by six.

ROY CAMPANELLA, Brooklyn — Will remain the best catcher in baseball . . . Lift his batting average from last year's unimpressive .269 to .290 . . . Will make Brooklyn's pitching staff the best in either league.

JOE BLACK, Brooklyn—Won 15 and lost 4 last season and should increase his victories to at least 20 this year . . . Probably won't have to work as hard as last season, however. He appeared in 56 games between April and end of season, which was too much work.

JUNIOR GILLIAM, Brooklyn—Will do a terrific glove job at second base and hit well enough to hold his position. Will hit around .270 and be a leading candidate for rookie of the year honors.

MONTY IRVIN, Giants—If the leg he broke last April has healed completely, he will terrorize pitchers with his big bat. Should hit .320 or better and clout 20 to 25 home-runs.

HENRY THOMPSON, Giants—Due to improve his .260 batting average of last year . . . Will be dependable both in the outfield and infield, but not necessarily a star.

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Doby Should Have a Banner Season

SAM JETHROE, Milwaukee—Must have better season this year than last or wing up in the minors . . . Hit a weak .232 in '52 . . . Still one of the fastest men in baseball and good outfielder.

GEORGE CROWE, Milwaukee—May finally get a chance to prove his worth now that Torgeson has gone. Should hit .280 and make Braves' fans forget Torgeson.

LUIS MARQUEZ, Milwaukee—Has hit well in minors and may find himself in majors this year. A good outfielder, Marquez should hit .300. Had a .345 mark with Milwaukee's minor league team last year.

BILL BRUTON, Milwaukee—Excellent outfield prospect . . . Hit .325 in minors and could take over centerfield this year. Should hit .280.

JAMES PENDLETON, Milwaukee—A prize from Brooklyn farm system. Hit .291 for Montreal last year, will stand out in either outfield or infield.

CARLOS BERNIER, Pittsburgh—A real speed demon and good outfielder. Hit .301 for Hollywood last year. Should make grade with a .270 batting average.

LARRY DOBY, Cleveland—Ready for a big year, probably best he has had since 1948. Should hit at least .320 and belt 35 home-runs.

LUKE EASTER, Cleveland—Everything depends upon his legs. Doubt here they will hold up all season. Physically fit, should hit .310 and clout 30 home-runs.

DAVE HOSKINS, Cleveland—Should be good relief pitcher and valuable pinch hitter. Won 22, lost 10 for Dallas in '52.

HARRY SIMPSON, Cleveland—Due to have his first big year in the majors. Fine outfielder and good hitter. Could up last year's average of .288 to .310 or better.

DAVE POPE, Cleveland—A potential powerhouse . . . Hit .352 at Indianapolis last season. If he makes the grade in the outfield, could hit a solid .300 in majors.

ORESTES MINOSO, Chicago—Due to come back after an ordinary sophomore year. Hit .281 last season, should top .300 in '53. Could be the spark that makes Chicago real pennant contender.

CONNIE JOHNSON, Chicago—A strong pitcher from Colorado Springs. Needs experience but could win more than he loses.

BOB BOYD, Chicago—Leading hitter in Coast league last season with a .320 average . . . Will find it tough to oust Ferris Fain from first base, however . . . Should hit .300 if he gets a chance to play.

SATCHEL PAIGE, St. Louis—He'll just keep going along, pitching in his own inimitable style. He's the same Satchel, good as ever.

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Jay SAYS

Negroes Won Six

OF THE 10 CHICAGOLAND boxers who met the European team in the Chicago Stadium, six won and four lost. The six winners were Negro boxers. It seemed odd that the four who lost were not members of our race.

The losers were Junior Trujillo of Colorado, Dick Martinez of Los Angeles and now stationed with the Navy in Nashville, Joe Catalano of Chicago's Wells high school and Richard Wall (had the only real American name among the losers), the Idabel, Okla., high school welterweight.

THE EUROPEANS just couldn't whip our boys. The judges were fair with their verdicts. Three were used for each bout thus relieving the referee of the responsibility of selecting a winner.

Ringside fans were a bit puzzled when Robert Jefferson, Chicago winner in the heavyweight class, was kneed in the groin by Herman Schreibauer of Germany. The foul slowed Jefferson up considerably. Many thought Referee Morris should have given Jefferson "time to catch his breath." We grant that the foul was not deliberate but kneeing has no place in boxing.

Jefferson is a member of the United States Air Force and is stationed at Rapid City, Iowa. His victory put the Chicago team ahead, three bouts to two.

There were no knockouts. However, the only two knockdowns were scored by Negro boxers.

Sammy Williams, 23, with five years experience in boxing in the United States navy, knocked his French opponent down in the first bout of the night, while in the opener, Joe Willie DeMeyer, Detroit flyweight, rocked his Italian foe to the canvas in second stanza of their bout. DeMeyer is a southpaw and was born in Memphis.

Calvin Butler, 21, Birmingham, Ala., born but now out of Cleveland, Ohio, won the light-heavyweight class bout.

With the score 3-all, it was up to Herb Mickles, light-welterweight from Toledo to give Chicago a 4-3 edge. His southpaw style completely baffled Terry Milligan of Ireland. Herb is 19 and a graduate of Waite high in his home town. Wants to study law but is undecided whether to matriculate at Michigan State, Wisconsin or Loyola of Chicago. He has some ideas of turning pro but since he showed signs of tiring fast from the middle of round three, we would advise him to stay clear of the pro ranks right now.

After Williams had broken the 4-4 tie, it was up to Chicago's favorite, Bill Tate, middleweight from the Great Lakes Naval Training station, to give the Chicago team a victory. A loss would mean a 5-5 tie. Tate piled up enough points in the first two rounds to be an easy winner.

Tate is national as well as International Golden Gloves champion. He won three of his four bouts in Europe last year, won the 1953 Chicagoland and Intercity New York vs Chicago championships.

SOME GRUMBLINGS WILL cease at the Midwest conference meeting here in August. When Morris Brown dropped several football players by abolishing their athletic scholarships when Head Coach Ox Clemons went to New York for advanced studies, a Knoxville player enrolled at Tennessee State A and I university. Some conference members are squawking. Since he played 1952 football at Morris Brown and left AFTER the season (and didn't enroll at their school) other Midwesterners want it decided he can play this fall for the Nashville institution. It will be fun to watch the outcome which may come to nothing.

When South Carolina ousted its head football coach, Simmons, who returns to Tennessee State as an assistant, some boys for whom Simmons secured athletic scholarships for won't return. This is a bad situation. If athletic scholarships are to be awarded, schools ought to live up to them or quit granting such. Much as we would like to we can't recommend either Morris Brown or South Carolina State until the clouds are lifted.

Ollie Matson, last year's rookie star for the Chicago Cardinals, is in the army and stationed at Fort Ord, Calif. The Cards are getting back Don Coleman, the All American from the University of Michigan, who played five different positions for Camp Atterbury, Ind., last fall.

SPORTS OF THE WORLD

By Marion E. Jackson

The greedy, searing, tenacious fingers of fire have played a capricious and strange part in the history of the Southern Open Golf tournament. This truth comes to mind as golfers play in the 14th annual renewal of the links meet at the New Lincoln Golf and Country Club.

The total imperialism of fire at this facility is seven in the absence of Southern Open competition since Thursday, July 5, 1951 when Charles Sifford of Chicago, played the course with the finesse and precision of an architect in firing a 265 to win over a starstudded field of linksmen from sixteen states.

No tournament was held in 1952. The blackout of the links show came when fire—the third in the history of the club—ravaged the beautiful and ultra-modern clubhouse..

Fire's damaging onslaught first felt in 1936, then again in 1946, struck with vicious and unyielding fury December 5, 1951 and reduced the structures to ashee. As the flames died so did the Southern Open for the next summer of '52.

Now from the ashes and ground timbers has emerged a newer, finer natural hazards, splendid greens with nearby traps that boast all of the wiles and trickery of a Mata Hari.

Gone with the wind are the smoke, water and fury that swept the interior of the clubhouse, gutted the roof, fixtures, equipment in the main auditorium, dining room and kitchen.

Missing are the stark nakedness of the forlon cement-block walls, metal frames and weather-beaten concrete floor.

Yet, throughout the vicissitudes which the New Lincoln Country Club has been subjected to during its fire-harassed years, the memories lingered on. The rich etchings of competition remained enscribed on the escutcheon of the New Lincoln course.

Through the years, since tournament competition started in 1932, celebrities have used idle moments in Atlanta to play the course. World wide warfare, the Korean police action, the Berlin Airlift disastrous fires, global unrest nor heated demonstrations for ill-fated Ethel and Julius Rosenberg have diminished the popularity of the facility.

Each fire, each destruction, each misfortune which the New Lincoln Country and Golf Course has suffered has been marked by rebuilding, expansion and determination to schedule again the Southern Open. Thus the tournament lives again today.

Credit this spirited resurgence to vision of the late James E. Ivey, who founded and formed the club's board of directors. F. A. Toomer kept this spirit alive. The present planners are equally alert and progressive.

John Brooks Dendy, Asheville, N. C., won the first professional tournament. Eddie Huggins of Atlanta won the amateur. Charles Sifford triumphed in '51. Curtis Reese shaded Joe Louis to win the amateur crown the same year. Other former winners are as follows:

FORMERS WINNERS

1932 — John Brooks Dendy, Asheville, N. C.
1933 — Howard Wheeler, Atlanta, Ga.
1934 — John Brooks Dendy, Asheville, N. C.
1935 — John (Honey) Smith, Atlanta, Ga.
1936 — Howard Wheeler, Atlanta, Ga.
1937 — Hugh Smith, Thomaston, Ga.
1938 — Hugh Smith ,Thomaston, Ga.
1939 — Zeke Hartsfield. Decatur,

Ga.
1940 — to 1945 — Not Contested.
1946 — Zeke Hartsfield, Decatur, Ga.
1948 — Not Contested.
1948 — Not Conteseed.
1950 — Howard Wheeler, Philadelphia, Pa.
1951 — Charles Sifford, Chicago, Ill.
1952 — Not Contested.

AMATEUR WINNERS

1932 — Eddie Huggins, Atlanta, Ga.
1933 — Dan Gifford, Nashville, Tenn.
1934 — T. R. Grimes, Atlanta, Ga.
James Minnifield, LaGrange, Ga.
Hicks Broughton, LaGrange, Ga.
1937 — James Rogers, Atlanta, Ga.
1938 — Alfred Holmes, Atlanta
1939 — Alfred Holmes, Atlanta, Ga.
1940 — Alfred Holmes, Atlanta, Ga.
1941 — George Harris, Atlanta, Ga.
1942-44 — Not Contested
1945 — Willie Wynn, Atlanta, Ga.
1946 — Willie Wynn, Atlanta, Ga.
1947 — Not Contested.
1949 — Not Contested.
1950 — John M. Brown, Savannah, Ga.
1951 — Curtis Reese, Atlanta
1952 — Not Contested.

Jay SAYS

Yellowed Clippings

ED SULLIVAN, New York columnist whoes TV show "Toast of the Town" is a hit viewed by millions each Sunday night is on a much needed vacation. Thumbing through some yellowed clippings of 1927 we found Ed Sullivan's tribute to Theodore "Tiger" Flowers written for the New York Evening Graffic.

Flowers died on Nov. 16, 1927 following an operation for sinus trouble above the right eye. He collapsed as he came out of the anaesthetic and never regained consciousness. Wrote Sullivan:

"Tiger Flowers was one of the nicest fellows I have ever met. You will find that to be a general opinion. . . Every memory of the 'Tiger' is a pleasant one. Every regret is a sincere regret that he has passed on.

"None of us can expect anything more than that when we 'cash in our checks.'

". . .The thing which shocks the consciousnes of observers, however, is that the effects of beatings around the head cannot be readily discerned. Flowers, who on Saturday had knocked a man out, was only a few days from death.

"It was the same with Harry Greb.

"At an advanced age of ring service the game is not worth the gaming stakes. The roar of the crowd, while intoxicating, does not reach Valhalla."

Paul Gallico, formerly with the New York Daily News sports department but now an author, had his say. He wrote:

"Theodore 'Tiger' Flowers is dead and everybody is engaged in saying pleasant things about him, which is the usual procedure in our world. It is our quaint custom to wait until the last breath has been squeezed out of the helpless class, whereupon we rush to the front, each with our little pieces, fattening our own ego no little in the process. The poor fellow is utterly gone. . .

"The 'Tiger' won my respect long before he died. He knew, too, that he had won the respect of men, white and black. . .He achieved his goal. There could have been no bitterness in him when he died. Thus, the eulogies and the kind words now falling to his lot are not as pathetically futile as they might be.

"To me, the colored fighter is always a tragic figure. . .he climbs into the arena to face such burning hatred and deep-rooted aversions, as would chill the ordinary white man. He must perform in an atmosphere of cracking hostility.

'They press-agented the "Tigers' church connections and Bible quotations until the theme was threadbare. I never cared much for that. What I liked about the 'Tiger' was that when he signed a contract to fight, he fought. He never loafed, tincanned, never stalled, never clinched, never stopped punching, never, from bell to bell, stopped trying to give back in thrill and entertainment full value for what he received in pay. How many of us are that honest?"

SPORTS OF THE WORLD

By Marion E. Jackson

Sports-minded folks over the Southland are mourning the death of H. Lovell Mosely, a Morehouse College All-American during the years of 1925-29. The former Maroon Tiger athlete was killed under mystifying, evasive and confused circumstances near Tuxedo Junction in Birmingham, Ala., a community made famous by Erskine Hawkins' plaintive blues lament. His end was as shocking and turbulent as the moods captured in the song which became a national favorite when the late Glenn Miller caught the lusty, sexy and violent contest of its rhythm. Mosely's passing embodies the passions, caprices and fancies of the song.

Birmingham itself was spawned by a network of mining camps. Against the backdrop of coal and ore mines from whose bellies came the products which made itself the "Pittsburgh of the South," Mosely was born Feb. 10, 1908. To know him you must look back at the city of coal and iron.

Most of these communities were company-owned and the commissaries from which came food, clothing and medicines made them even more isolated. Cheap, ignorant, sullen and hostile labor was recruited from the farm and brought there to live.

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The work was violent and the living pattern was violent. No "Dodge City," "Tombstone" nor "Montana City" ever rivaled these communities in wild, unbridled, passionate and sexy living. Orgies, shootings and crimes of passions were the rule rather than the exception.

If Birmingham bristled with unrest so did America. Waves of strikes, lockouts, and company goons added to the confused economic picture. The industrial revolution that came at the turn of the century was on the ascendency.

You have the world picture at Moseley's birth. His life was marked by two world wars, the Korean police action, the execution of the Rosenbergs and other stark realities of our times.

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He was a graduate of Birmingham's old Industrial High. He came to Morehouse during the scholastic year of 1925-26. He proceeded to write an enviable chapter there as an athlete.

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Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference circles rate him as one of its best officials. He regularly attended the annual meetings of the Southern Coaches and Officials Association. He worked some of the top collegiate games in the South. Few questioned his honesty or competence.

Moseley's shocking end belies his personality. He was quiet, restrained and in a sense dignified. He was one of the intellectuals of the craft.

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It was in Birmingham, Ala., that his most enduring monument in sports was written.

He was:

1. One of the original Vulcan Bowl members;
2. One of the organizers of the YMCA Industrial Baseball League;
3. Helped to organize the Greater-Birmingham Interscholastic Athletic Association (GBIAC) which name was changed to the Jefferson County Negro Athletic Association.
4. He revived football at Parker High School where he coached for one year — 1929-30. He coached at Brighton High School.
5. He once assisted with coaching at Miles College and Fairfield Industrial High School.
6. Was an umpire once in the Negro American League and the YMCA Industrial League.
7. Helped to organize the Alabama Interscholastic Athletic Association.

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That's the record Mosely will be remembered by.

The circumstances of his death, tragic and grim, will be remembered by the sensational. His contribution to sports will forever be etched on competition in the Southland.

All over the South, coaches, officials and spectators are mourning his passing into Elysian Fields.

A great athlete and official of high school head coach, Savannah, Ga., is director of the Extended School Program at Cuyler Junior

Satchel Paige, Milwaukee ..... high there ..... 19th city to play host to the Wednesday night CBS' TV boxing series. The camera crews televising the fights have traveled 156,543 miles to air the bouts which included 14 world championships fights.

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Joseph Greene, Alfred E. Beach

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All-Star Game Pitching staff — Johnny Sain, Allie Reynolds, Gerry Staley, Cardinals; Bob Lemon, Cleveland Indians, Billy Pierce, White Sox; Warren Spahn, Braves; Curt Simmons, Phillies; Murry Dickson, Pirates; and Hoyt Wilhelm, Cardinals (American League) — Mike Garcia, Bob Lemon, Cleveland Indians, Billy Pierce, White Sox; Harvey Haddix, Cardinals; Robin Roberts, Phillies; Gerry Staley, Cardinals; Satchel Paige and Allie Reynolds, Yankees (Browns). (National League) — Robin Rob-

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Bethune Cookman College eyeing sweep of SIAC football and basketball visitation championships. Only Xavier (Feb. 14) and Florida A. and M. (March 4, 7) bar the Wildcats path to a sweep ..... Atlanta's Ponce De Leon Baseball Park has constructed new toilet facilities and concessions stands for race fans who will be admitted to grandstands for the first time when the exhibition and Southern Association season opens in March .... Grambling College building new 5,000-seat gymnasium ..... Is boxing trying to kill itself off. TV fights are now on six nights a week!!!

You wonder why New York lawyers are still giving sports a fit as seen in prosecution of Kentucky's Bill Spivey. Organized crime is more solidly entrenched in New York than at any time Chicago has known during the Capone, Dillinger era.

Organized crime on New York ports, payoffs to public officials as in the police graft trials and the Mickey Jelke prostitution case prove my point.

My bet is that no other athlete involved in the basketball scandals will ever go to trial and that public pressure will demand action on serious crimes ranging from murder to extortion ....

JOTTINGS — Coach Allison Figero will guide the '53 Tuskegee Institute Golden Tiger baseball team. ..... Coach A. J. Lockhart believes Richard Phillips of the K. C. Monarchs will move faster up the ladder in sepia baseball than in organized baseball. Lockhart thinks organized baseball's farm setup is a chaingang ..... Wasn't the Ezzard Charles-Tommy Harrison bout a terrible mismatch? The younger Harrison had only courage and stamina. Charles had a tremendous advantage in experience and skill. The youth versus experience thesis does not always work. Matchmakers should take note!!!

HERE AND THERE — Archie Moore is finding it tough to line-up foes in the light heavyweight division since winning the title from Joey Maxim last December 17. This factor has caused him to campaign against established heavyweights like Cesar Brion with whom he has been matched for February 25.

The light heavy class has become so inactive that Moore has secured passports to travel to South America for action. He'll do four shots in Brazil and Argentina during the month of May, hoping to stir up enough interest down there to build up one title fight before he leaves.

When Maxim was champion, he was always accused of being fight shy because he made so few title defenses. Now that Moore has the title it becomes evident that Maxim had no one to fight.....

Jim Hall, sports editor of the Louisiana Weekly, could easily have scooped this column by talking with Xavier coaches. Alfred Priestly and James Hawkins, who were present at the 100 Per Cent Wrong Club dinner in Atlanta. Both could have told Hall that we plan to honor him for his fight on boxing bias and public recreation jimcrow at our nineteenth annual dinner scheduled for January 29, 1954.

Hall was instrumental in lifting Louisiana's 60-year ban against mixed bouts and have fought unceasingly for the use of New Orleans' City Park. He has been in the forefront of our battles for sports equality!!!

TIPOFF: A recent public pulse poll in New York City asked Gotham husbands and wives to name their favorite baseball teams. The Brooklyn Dodgers were claimed by 39 per cent of wives, Yanks were next with 27 per cent of husbands to 18 per cent of wives. Giants trailed 17 per cent to 9 ..... Detroit Tigers want to add Larry Doby to their outfield, but haven't a shortstop to offer to bolster the worst infield in major league baseball last summer. For example, the Tribe infield with 99 miscues almost equaled the whole Brooklyn Club which committed 106 fans pas ..... Anyway, Doby has been taking a terrific riding from Cleveland sportswriters who blame his record number of strikeouts (111) of robbing the Indians of the AL pennant .....

Morris Brown College has another candidate for the pro football ranks. His name: Donald Parham. The rated Wolverine has inked a pact with the New York Giants of the National Football League ....

OFF THE CUFF — Worst experience in the radio, television field was conducted by the New York Giants last season. Horace Stoneham barred broadcasts of Giant games on the coast-to-coast Mutual 'Game of the Day.' If you'll check there are statistics to prove the Giants lost out-of-town fans who were attracted to stars of the Yanks and Dodgers who became household names through the airing of the game nationally .....

SIAC HEADACHE — Dusty Lennon's legal action against H. B. (Bus) Thompson will be a continuing headache to the SIAC. If the conference had acted forthrightly and without prejudice the action might never have been taken.

It would have been wise and just to have held a prompt hearing on the incident at Knoxville. If the merits of the case warranted it Lennon or Thompson should have sat out a suspension no matter how abbreviated or indefinite.

It appears to me the conference temporized. That is refused face facts or chose to ignore them. The worst possible thing that can happen to sports is to become entangled with the courts. History has proven that sports seldom win in such an atmosphere of judicial restraint.

It would seem now that some type of committee could be activated to talk with Lennon. Some face-to-face pressure could be brought. I am afraid if the case cannot be resolved then the SIAC is going sorely embarrassed. Mark my word!!!!

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SPORTS OF THE WORLD

By Marion E. Jackson

Morris Brown coach E. J. (Ox) Clemons has been granted a leave of absence for study at New York University ..... Atlanta's 100 Per Cent Wrong Club dinner a corking success. Personalities like Artie Wilson, Althea Gibson, Harry (Suitcase) Simpson, Alkin Hepburn, Rudolph (Bunky) Matthews, Jack McClairen, Herbie Douglas, J. D. Brooks, Alvin Neeson, Catherine Hardy, Reuben Vaughn and President James A. Colston made it the year's biggest athletic gathering ..... Best-liked guy at the dinner was Artie Wilson who is entertaining, intelligent, likeable and a swell all-around guy .. Same goes for Harry (Suitcase) Simpson who got out of his sick bed to attend

Russ J. Cowans of the Chicago Defender was stricken with influenza. Cowans wired his regrets.... Willie Mays was in Birmingham, Alabama, but couldn't come.... Xavier University sent Head Coach Alfred (Zack) Priestley and Basketball Coach James Hawkins ... From Birmingham, Ala., came T. Martin, Charles T. Mabry, Leon Bailey, James Bailey, Herman (Steeple Jack) Taylor and Bernard E. Jackson....

Our city editor, Robert E. Johnson, was a batboy with the Westfield (Ala.) baseball team which produced Artie Wilson. It was a grand reunion that took place when Johnson and Wilson started swapping success stories....Obie O'Neal and T. V. Rollins motored to the dinner from Alabama State. These two swell fellows have been coming each year since the dinner hit the bigtime....

Most surprised guy at the dinner was B. B. Beamon who got a "community service" award. It was a surprise award that not even C. T. Perkins knew about until it was handed to him just before the dinner. Beamon has staged benefits for the Community Chest, YMCA, YWCA, March of Dimes, Heart Fund, Cancer and other charities. In addition he has aided the Atlanta and Fulton Safety Patrol in making the annual trek to Washington, D. C. Numerous other charities and youth organizations have been helped by Beamon.

We thought it fitting that such an award be made. We asked the Amiketos Club to provide funds for a plaque and as a result the idea reached fruition.

The 'community service' award was a fine tribute to one of Atlanta's finer citizens....

Knoxville President James A. Colston made a powerful presentation of the problems of intercollegiate athletics. His address was challenging, forceful, provocative and stimulat-

ing. Dr. Colston did not hedge. He walked in where angels fear to tread. He stepped on the toes of the over-emphasis bund and the de-emphasis clique. His was not a middle-ground approach.

Dr. Colston defended grant-in-aid and scholarships. He said it was wrong to deny an athlete assistance when similar aid was given musicians, singers, etc. However, he attacked giving aid where athletes were installed in a superior brackets to ordinary students. That, he outlined, is wrong.

My impression was that Dr. Colston restated what SIAC Commissioner B. T. Harvey has been pleading all along. Harvey has followed that theme consistently and now comes support from one of the young presidents of the conference.

Dr. Colston blamed "insecurity" for many of the ills of intercollegiate athletics. He said the life span of a coach was shortened by the hazards of the profession. He asked tenure for coaches, faculty positions and that athletics be made a part of the physical education program.

He likewise blamed alumni interference, booster clubs and zealous spectators for creating a mania for winning.

Dr. Colston likewise approved gate receipts for sports. He said colleges had every right to charge for right to pay for spectator events admission. Anyone that denies this is insincere and does not have the overall program at heart.

HERE AND THERE — Arthur Simmons represented Alabama State....Spotted in the gathering were Dr. Raymond Carter, Sr., J. L. Wheeler, Dr. F. Earl McLendon, T. J. Crittendon, Arthur Smith, Gabriel Alexander, William Nix, Walter Carnes, Moss H. Kendrix, George Coleman, Chester M. Hampton, P. H. Garland, Richard Logan, John Merkerson, T. Herman Graves, Alexander Shepard, Dr. J. J. Dennis, Bob Brisendine, Charles J. Smith, acting public relations director, Florida A and M College, William Bowens, sports publicist, Savannah State College; John Paul Jones, sports publicity director, Savannah State College; W. A. Fowlkes, Pittsburgh Courier; Rod Harris, auto salesman; Head Coach L. C. Baker, Othello Renfroe, H. S. Powell, Ernest Abbott, Irwin Tompkins, J. B. Pinckney, Thelba Brown.

Walter Carnes, coach of Herring High, Decatur; Eddie B. Robinson, Ernest Bolton, and many others..

CHATTER— Hubert M. Jackson brought the admission from Harry (Suitcase) Simpson that his birthplace is Atlana, Ga. Many folks believed Simpson was born in Dalton....

Artie Wilson praises Lorenzo (Piper) Davis as the greatest all-around player in baseball. Wilson insists Davis can play all nine positions well. He also believed Piper is one of the great hitters of baseball. Contrary to what the public believes, Wilson, states Piper is one of the youngest players in the game....Says, the Slagtown keystoner ought to be a cinch for baseball....

Wilson took his job-loss with the New York Giants like a man. Says if he had to be sent back to the minors he was glad it had to be for Willie Mays....

"Ox" Clemons came by the 100 Per Cent Wrong Club dinner. His car was chockful of luggage. He was enroute to New York City where he plans to attend New York University. For several weeks, the rumor swept Atlanta that Clemons was being screened for a job at Howard University.

Clemons denied that he contemplated taking the post stating "it looks too hot."

Emory O. Jackson, editor of the Birmingham World, had to attend the Mid-Winter Workshop of the National Newspaper Publishers Association....

College Prexy Offers 4-Point Athletic Plan

ATLANTA, GEORGIA. -(SNS)- President James Colston of Knoxville College outlined a "positive" program last night for rectifying the evils of intercollegiate athletics.

The Knoxville College president spoke to members of the 100 Per Cent Wrong Club and their guests as a gigantic banquet and sports jamboree at the University Homes Auditorium.

More than a hundred Atlanta sportsmen jammed the auditorium to see Althea Gibson, ranking woman tennis player on the East Coast and a Florida A and M student; Harry "Suitcase" Simpson, Cleveland Indians' player; and Artie Wilson, West Coast baseball star.

Colston told the gathering that "administrators, coaches, athletic directors and alumni must gain educational point of view toward athletics rather than an entertainment aspect."

OUTLINES PROGRAM

Pointing out that "He who pays the Piper will call the tune," Colston outlined the following program:

1. Administrators must see that the program is directed by trained, ethical officials.

2. A proper balance must be maintained between athletics and other programs.

3. Athletics programs must be financed along with other college programs. Provisions should be made in the budget for athletics comparable to its value.

4. Coaches must be given tenure and status. Their continued employment must not depend on winning games.

OKAYS SUBSIDIZATION

Colston pointed out, however, that he does not object to subsidization. He said:

"I don't object to it (subsidization) any more than I do to subsidization for persons with special skills in dramatics or music."

The club presented its first Lucius Jones Memorial Cup to Sylvester McClairen of Bethune-Cookman. McClairen's coach, Rudolph "Bunky" Matthews will receive a trophy as the outstanding coach of the year in the SIAC.

Alkin Hepburn, great passer and "T" formation quarterback from Florida A and M was honored as the most valuable team player. Moss H. Kendrix, public relations consultant for the Coca Cola company, awarded the trophies which were donated by the Coca Cola company.

CLUB PRIZES

Prizes were awarded to the following club members: Marion E. Jackson, Jack Adams, Estee Prather and A. L. Thompson, Lerone Bennett, Jr., and E. J. Scott.

Official hostesses for the affair were Mrs. Ozeil Fryer Woolcock, Mrs. Lucille Scott, Mrs. Ruth Simmons, Mrs. Ruth P. Scott, Mrs. Marian Scott, Mrs. Portia Scott and Miss Jerry Smith.

Club members are M. E. Jackson, Jack Adams, Estee Prather, A. L. Thompson, W. A. Scott, III, A. T. Hollingsworth, F. R. McDay, Joel Smith, Joe Daniels, T. J. Crittenden, Lerone Bennett, Jr., J. R. Simmons, Joe Pullins, E. J. Scott, and Paul E. X. Brown.

Robert E. Johnson, Atlanta Daily World City Editor, brought greetings to the group and Chester E. Hamilton, Atlanta Daily World Managing Editor, introduced Dr. Colston. Hubert Jackson, local housing official, was the toastmaster.

A host of public relations officials were guests at the banquet. Included were Reuben Vaughn of Blatz and J. D. Brooks of Schenley who contributed refreshments and souvenirs to the guests.

SPORTS OF THE WORLD

BY MARION JACKSON

Good college publicists are as rare as the proverbial Dodo's egg. Those who succeed often move on to higher things before their true worth is appraised. One durable worker in the field during the past quarter of the century is Captain Robert Stewart Darnaby. Recently Tuskegee Institute bestowed upon him its coveted Alumni Award. He richly deserves this tribute. His efforts in behalf of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference have been equally as laudable.

The SIAC has more than its share of good publicists. We call attention to Charles J. Smith, Florida A&M; J. M. (Slim) Reynolds, Alabama State; Ronald (Spud) Foreman, Knoxville College, and Peter W. (Champ) Clark of Xavier. Otuside of SIAC notable service to colleges have been performed by Collie J. Nicholson, Grambling College, Earl Clanton, Tennessee A&I and Wilton J. Scott and William Bowens of Savannah State College. There are a few other good ones.

Captain Darnaby is perhaps the pioneer of them all. His work in behalf of athletes has been tremendous. Along with B. T. Harvey, St. Elmo Brady, Cleve L. Abbott, Frank L. Forbes, and C. Johnson Dunn, Darnaby has been the brains and backbone of conference endeavor.

It is no small wonder that retiring Tuskegee Institute President F. D. Patterson made the following citation in honoring the revered athletic leader. It read, in part: "Tuskegee Institute and your fellow alumni honor you today as the epitome of the true spirit of service as expounded by the founder, Booker T. Washington. From the time of your graduation to this very day, as a civilian and soldier, you have never failed to exemplify the ideals and precepts of Tuskegee Institute."

"As secretary-treasurer of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference since its founding two decades ago, the manner in which you have handled the wide variety of detail in the administration of the Conference has contributed immeasurably to the growth and development of athletics in the member colleges of the conference.

"In the field of journalism you have been a pioneer and fruitfully active."

"The skillful, thorough and unpretentious manner by which you have gone about your reporting of sports while helping to make possible for young men and young women to engage in college sports and athletics have been of inestimable value in advancing the cause of interracial goodwill here in the South and throughout the country."

This column is happy that Captain Darnaby's genuine labor in the field of college sports reporting has been recognized. His work is a challenge to the bumper crop of college publicists that are being spawned in our colleges.

Good newspaper writers and sports editors are the by-products of the men who inform them from the campus. Without men alert to detail, dedicated to truth and honor, no man could achieve in the field of newspaper sports reporting. Happily, we in the Southern Conference have had Captain Darnaby and our sports league is better because of his brilliant work.

COACH'S' FAREWELL—Coach Lawrence Simmons broke his silence at South Carolina State, where his two-year reign as head coach has come to an end to answer a charge that he had brought "tramp athletes" to the campus. In a letter to the May and final edition of THE COLLEGIAN, student body publication, Simmons denied that his athletes were lacking in the character and scholastic ability possessed by other students.

He wrote: "I have been accused of bringing 'tramp athletes' to South Carolina State. This is not true. The two years that I have been here at least 150 athletes have participated in our overall athletic program. Only four (4) have flunked out. none have been sent home for misconduct. One of our top students at this college is a member of the football and baseball team. One is the recipient of many scholastic honors. This athlete is Mr. Howard Williams.

"Of the 20 top students at least four (4) are athletes that have entered State College, only three (3) have failed to return to school. From these facts it doesn't seem to me that athletes can be classed as 'tramp athletes.'"

Simmons went on to say: "Remember that whoever my successor will be (he) had nothing to do with my leaving. I will be very disappointed in you if you don't support him just as you have supported me, and if you do, it will be hard for him to fail."

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Wendell Smith's SPORTS BEAT

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It Happens After Every Fight . . .

CHICAGO—The last punch of the fight was a lulu. The rumba dancer from Cuba did a couple of Charleston steps and then threw a right that transposed Chuck Davey from a challenger to a jitterbug.

It landed smack on his jaw. Davey's head went back, his feet came up and his body sailed through the ropes. He landed face forward, his red and battered nose buried deep in the outer fringe of the canvas. One inch more and he would have been a member of the working press. That was it . . . the end of the fight.

Joey Giardello, left, and Courier's Wendell Smith, right, hold gabfest with Gavilan after the fight.

Davey could not come out for the tenth, so the referee walked over and raised Kid Gavilan's right hand, symbolic of victory. The champion grinned and waved happily to some of his friends at the ringside. Then they put his robe around him and led him away, down to the dressing room, deep in the catacombs of the big stadium.

It was there that the king held court. He was sitting on the rubbing table when the writers and photographers and the others of that howling mob that always storms into the winner's dressing room entered.

Gavilan didn't look like he had been in a fight. He was laughing and joking and posing for pictures, holding his right hand up so the photographers could get a "victory shot." It was hot in there with all those vultures leering at him. They surrounded him on three sides and threw silly questions at him. They were like a bunch of cops giving a criminal the third degree. They wanted to know how he did it . . . how he committed mayhem before all those people . . . how he had slaughtered his victim, a frail-looking guy who could not defend himself.

"I heet heem in the stum-ack in the first round," said the Havana Hurricane, and he grunt and to me he say: 'Good pawnch, good pawnch.' I say to myself, 'nice fellow, he like my pawnch.' I decide to give heem more 'cause he like them."

Everybody laughed and Joey Giardello, his friend who also is a fighter, slapped him on the back and said, "Nice going, Kid."

They wanted to know when Gavilan knew he had the situation under control, when he realized he was Davey's master.

"Well," said the champion slowly, "I fool around weet heem for two rounds. I want to know wot he does; how he pawn-ches, hard or light. After I find that out, I decide to go to work.

"In the third round, I heet heem with a right and he goes down. Right then I know I got heem. I know I can heet him with a right any time I got raddy. I teenk maybe he is all troo then but he is game boy. He get up and come back at me for more.

"So I take my time, waiting for ah-nodder chance to beep heem again." Gavilan's manager, Angel Lopez, interrupted long enough to explain that the champion did mean "beep."

"You see," Lopez said, "the Keed, he do not spoke the Engleesh too well. Instead of 'beep' he means bop . . . You know, like soda bop."

Everyone understood so Gavilan resumed reviewing the fight. "I bux heem awhile and look for ah-nodder chance. I want to be careful not to get ex-haw-sted. He is raw-ning very fast now and I decide to wait unteel he take his foot off the bottle."

"He means, takes his feet off the trottle," said Lopez, smiling. He was proud of his role as interpreter.

"Anyway," said Gavilan, "I wait around. I take it easy through the fourth, feeth, seeks and savan. During the number eight I decide maybe it is time to go after heem. But then I change my thought again and decide to wait for the number nine.

He Thinks Some Others Could Beat Chuck, Too . . .

"I catch heem with a good pawnch early in the round and he go down. When he got up, I catch heem again. He faw' down harder that time. I figure it is all over. But I am surprised when he gets up again. He is a game fellow, this Davey fellow. So I move in and landed ah-nodder right. Oops! . . . Down he go again. But you know what? That fellow get up again. Then the bell, she ring and I say to myself, 'Saved by the bong.'"

"He means, saved by the gong," said Lopez, "not bong."

They took off Gavilan's shoes and cut the white tape off his long, brown hands. They put a towel around his neck and his trainer, Mundo Medina, said, "Hurry up with the interview. The Keed must take off for the shower room. He can't seet here a get caught with thee cold."

FRED LEIGH WRITES ABOUT

Edwin B. Henderson

Cage Star-Organizer-Author-Lecturer

(This is the 10th in a series on outstanding D.C. athletes and their achievements.)

There is little doubt that any other individual has contributed as much to the development of athletics in the District as Edwin B. Henderson, currently director of physical education and safety in Division II.

Regarded generally as a staunch opponent of segregation and a prolific letter writer, Mr. Henderson has carved an enviable niche in the annals of local sports. His contributions as an athlete, coach, teacher, organizer, author, writer, and civic leader, are incalculable.

The 69-year-old leader, who grew up in southwest Washington, is a pioneer. He remembers playing as a kid with the late Al Jolson when he (Mr. Henderson) lived on School st in old southwest Washington. Jolson's father was pastor of a church in Mr. Henderson's neighborhood.

Recalled Boyhood Days

All above U st., nw. then was a wooded area almost undeveloped, he recalled. White and colored youths participated against each other in sports on vacant lots, and regarded it as a big achievement to swim across the swirling Potomac river. Often these swimming trips ended in tragedy he said.

During his high school days, he played on the first football team of the Old M st. school, now Dunbar, which used to compete with the Colored High School of Baltimore. He also pitched on the baseball team for four years.

The players bought their own equipment, including the cleats for their shoes, and often played with only one football or baseball between two teams.

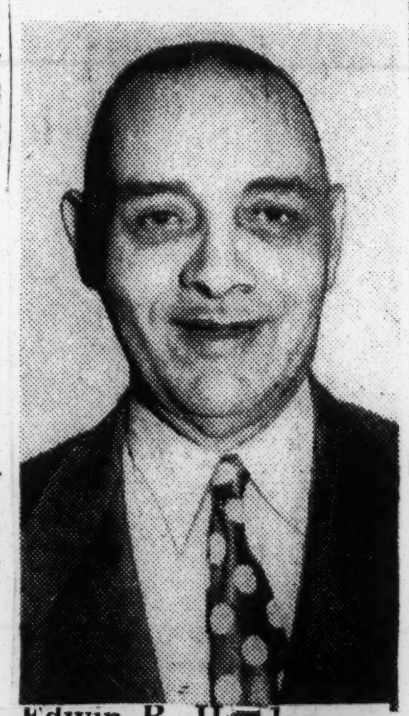
He was graduated from the Miner Normal school at the head of the class, and studied for three summers at Harvard's summer school of physical education. He also studied at Howard University's medical school, and later earned his AB degree from Howard, and an AM degree from Columbia.

First P.E. Teacher

He was appointed as teacher of physical education in June, 1904 at the Old M st. school, replacing Bill Foley, the last white teacher in colored schools here. He thus became the first of his group to teach physical education in schools in this country.

Mr. Henderson tells an interesting story of how he broke basketball to youths in the District.

"I used to go to the white YMCA and watch them play bas-



Edwin B. Henderson

ketball. One day the director chased me out, and told me not to come back again.

Chased From YMCA

"I was bitter over the whole thing, and decided to organize the game for our youths. I organized and developed coaching staffs of six teams in 1907 and 1908. The teams played at the True Reformers Hall, now the Boys' Club No. 2."

In 1909, Mr. Henderson organized and played basketball at the 12th st. YMCA. He coached and headed one of the outstanding club teams in the east, winning laurels in New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

The YMCA team helped to raise money for the YMCA's building program, and won the mythical national title in 1909 and 1910. The Y team whipped all the recognized tan teams in that year such as t he St. Christophers, Spartans, Alphas and Smart Set.

Outstanding Cage Player

"Basketball games in t h a t time were big social events. It brought out a certain element of people who made a big show out of the game, including the staging of dances, etc." Mr. Henderson stated.

Basketball was a rough game in that era, Mr. Henderson said. A player had to be tough because he really took a beating then. I t was more than mere tripping an opponent or pushing him, he continued.

"It wasn't so much height in those days, and we didn't have the zone," he commented.

Romeo Dardy, a writer in that era said this of Henderson:

"Henderson undoubtedly is the best center in the country."

Top YMCA Players

Some of the top players on the YMCA team with Henderson then were the late Ed Gray, Hudson Oliver and Arthur Curtis.

Most of the YMCA team's traveling was by train. Cars were just making their appearance, and only a few fellows could afford them.

Mr. Henderson retired f r o m athletics in 1910 at the end of the cage season. He channeled all his energies in the development of athletic groups, and officiating.

He had organized the first colored conference for the promotion of athletics, the Inter-Scholastic Athletic Association in 1906. That same year, he managed the first track meet held for schools at Howard University, and later the indoor track meets at Convention Hall beginning in 1910.

The site of the hall was at the old K st. market, and the track meets lured such outstanding performers here as H o w a r d Drew, one of the earliest top sprinters.

Organized ISAA Group

The ISAA group included the Old M st. school, Howard Academy, Armstrong, Colored H i g h School of Baltimore, and Morgan.

Along with Garnet C. Wilkinson, A. Kiger Savoy, Haley G. Douglass, Mr. Henderson pioneered in the officiating of sports. As an official, he was the first to work with white officials in handling the Howard and Lincoln annual Thanksgiving Day Classic.

Became Official

He recalled that in the early days, the officials were lucky to get a complimentary ticket to a game. Later on, they got from $5 to $100 a game.

"We asked for $50, the same fee which the white officials were receiving. The promoters blew up. Many of them couldn't conceive of the idea of paying minority group officials that kind of money.

"After several meetings and much debating, we compromised for $35."

Officiating was a risk, Mr. Henderson said. The spectators often threatened to shoot, stone or run them from the park. Often, they were lucky to get away from an enraged crowd with their lives, because they didn't get the police protection as officials do now.

He organized the Eastern Board of Officials, and was president for 15 years. He also started the Affiliated Board of Officials, and was president until he retired from actual officiating.

"I guess I probably officiated at more of the old time Lincoln and Howard games than any other single official," he said.

Promoted In 1925

He became head of the physical education department in 1925, and director in 1951. The department is named Health, Physical Education, Athletics and Safety now.

Mr. Henderson served as consultant of the Physical Fitness Committee, F e d e r a l Security Agency during the war, Joint Army and Navy Committee on Recreation and Welfare, national committees of the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, and D. C. Committee for Coordination on Recreation plans.

He has been on the 12th St. YMCA committee of management for over 3 years, and was chairman of the committee upon retirement in 1950.

In addition, he has served on the D. C. NAACP Board for more than 15 years, and currently is vice president of the Virginia State Conference of the NAACP branches.

He is the editor of the first handbook of colored athletics published in 1910, 1911, 1912, and 1913, and the author of two editions of the "Negro In Sports."

An avowed opponent of segregation in any phase of life, athletics and civic affairs, Mr. Henderson is known throughout the city as perhaps the "champion letter writer."

Letters To The Editor

His "letters to the editors" in the four dailies and two w e e k l i e s, beginning beyond 1910, have been widely read by members of both races, and he has come in for his share of the proverbial brickbats.

Mr. Henderson estimated that he has written several thousand letters. It could be said that without doubt Mr. Henderson has written enough to make a voluminous book.

A resident of neaby Fairfax, Va., Mr. Henderson has two sons. They are Dr. James H. Meriwether Henderson, who is doing cancer research work at Tuskegee; and Dr. Edwin Meriwether Henderson, who is doing group health work here.

His wife, Mrs. Mary E. Henderson, retired as principal from the James E. Lee school several years ago. Tribute was paid to her by leading citizens and prominent leaders for her contributions to education.

Tell It To Old Grandma

Your name and address must appear on the letter ★ But the name will be withheld on request at the Editor's discretion ★ Write legibly on one side of the paper only ★ No poetry, please ★ Repeat: No letter will be printed unless the Editor knows who wrote it.

Put Negro Players On The Grays

EDITOR, THE ADVERTISER—In the interest of baseball here in Montgomery and being one of the few fans that seem to support our team, I would like to voice my opinion.

It appears that what is needed here in Montgomery are a few moves in the right direction in order to pull the club out of the red. In the paper several days ago it was stated that they would try selling books of tickets to the people to see if that wouldn't help. You can't sell the people here one ticket, much less a book.

Let us look closely at what has gone by in the past. In 1951 we had a championship team and only broke even; in 1952 we had a first division club and even won the play-off, but went deeply in the red; and now in 1953 with the season not quite half gone we are back in the red again.

Since it appears that the white people won't support their own team and it is almost impossible to get over 1,000 out at each game, why not do the following:

¶ Bring one or two good Class A Negro players in.

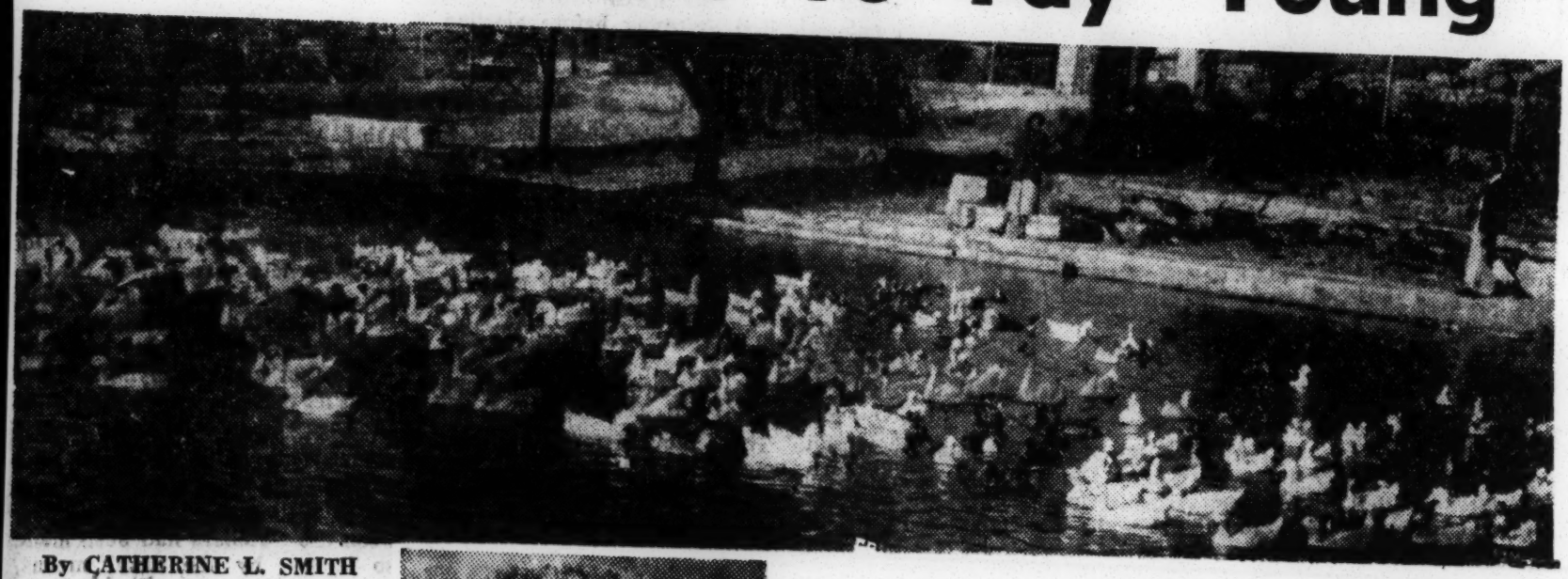
¶ Put one or two Negro civic leaders in on the directors board in order to stir up their interest in the game.

¶ Provide more space in the stadium for Negroes.

Since everything else has been tried to no avail, why not at least try something different for a change?

Montgomery. W. S. KERR.

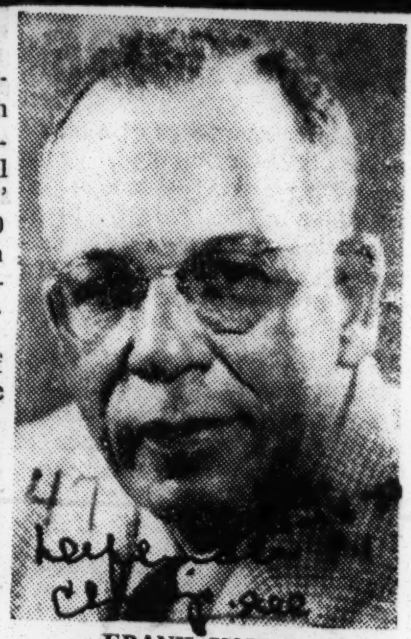
Tribute To 'Fay' Young



By CATHERINE L. SMITH

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee State University's mammoth Dedication and Homecoming Exercises on Thanksgiving Day will pay tribute to Frank "Fay" Young in naming of its $104,000 Poultry Plant honoring the dean Negro sports writers and Editor-Emeritus of the Chicago Defender.

The veteran journalist, one of the best known sports writers in the country, conceived the idea many years ago that there was a specific need for a greater variety of fowl in the land grant colleges. Because of this and his love for the hobby, he began to donate foundation stock out of his own earnings to several land grant colleges.



FRANK YOUNG

Just as he had demanded no by-line in his sports stories and, in many cases, insisted that none be given him, he has been equally unassuming of the gratitude from the recipients — among them Alcorn, Tuskegee and Tennessee State.

The $104,000 plant, completed in 1951 will bear Frank A. Young's name. It is located on an eight-acre plot and is made up of 19 major buildings with ranges for the poultry and water fowl.

From "Fay" Young's gifts of 2 breeds of geese, the Chinese and Toulouse; the Rouen and Pekin breeds of ducks and the Ring-necked pheasant, Tennessee State's department of poultry husbandry has developed a flock of 301 water fowl and 65 pheasants.

Mibs Winners Arrive at Shore For Tournament

Champs Determined To 'Do Best' to Gain U. S. Marbles Titles

Illustrated on Page 3

By DON SCOTT

Inquirer Staff Reporter

ASBURY PARK, N. J., June 14.—Prepared for the "best week of their young lives," Jay Barone and Jeane McCrae, 1953 Metropolitan Philadelphia Marbles champions, arrived here today to compete in the National Marbles Tournament.

Both youngsters, champions of 13,000 boys and girls who competed in the marbles' tourney sponsored by The Inquirer and conducted by the Department of Recreation, were thrilled at the many inviting sights before them, but at the same time were determined to "do their best" to bring the national title to Philadelphia.

FOUR IN PARTY

Sent off with best wishes for success from the entire area, the Philadelphia party comprised Jay, 12, of 155 Pennsylvania ave., Bryn Mawr; Jeane, 14, of 4547 Saybrook ave.; Sebastian Kueny, Recreation Department district supervisor and co-chairman of the marbles tourney, and this reporter, the latter two serving as official escorts.

After arriving here by car, the group registered for the competition and were assigned to hotel quarters.

The afternoon was spent examining and approving the seven 10-foot permanent marbles rings on the beach adjoining Convention Hall and strolling along the amusement-studded Boardwalk.

MEET OTHER CHAMPIONS

Jay and Jeane met many of the 50 marbles champions throughout the day from many sections of the country—all of whom were determined to win national honors.

Mayor George A. Smock, 2d, and members of Asbury Park City Council officially greeted the "champs" at the get-together banquet held in the evening at the Columbia Hotel.

Ralph Shurtleff, of Cleveland, director of the national tournament, introduced the champions and presented each with a tee shirt bearing the name of his or her city on the back.

CITIES AND TOWNS LISTED

Guests of honor at the tourney are last year's national champions—Russell Eugene Gwaltney, of Salem, Va., and Dorothy Annette Hobbs, of Augusta, Ga.

Among the towns represented by marbles champions are: Athens, O.; Augusta, Ga.; Beckley, W. Va.; Beloit, Wisc. Chicago, Ill.; Cincinnati and Cleveland, O.; Cumberland, Md.; Elmira, N. Y.; Greensboro, N. C.; Huntingdon, W. Va.; Lafayette, Ind.; Long Branch, N. J.; McKeesport, Pa.; Morgantown, W. Va.; Pekin, Ill.; Pittsburgh, Reading, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and Williamsport, all in Pennsylvania; Yonkers, N. Y.; Roanoke and Salem, Va.

LEAVING

Jay Barone and Jeane McCrae, 1953 Metropolitan Philadelphia Marbles champions, storing their bags in car for trip to Asbury Park, N. J., to compete in national tourney.

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National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics

Will Have Tourney Representatives

NAIA Officially Opens Its Doors to Negro College Basketball

By RIC ROBERTS

Washington — Led by Mack Greene, director of athletics at Central State College (Xenia, Ohio), representatives of thirty-five Negro colleges finally cracked the color bar in big time basketball here, last week, when the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics agreed to admit the 1953 Negro National Basketball champions to competition in the NAIA tourney.

Working with the NAIA executive secretary-treasurer, Al Duer, plans were completed in which thirty-four Negro colleges will be included in a single NAIA district "at large," and Central State College will list with the white colleges that comprise the NAIA affiliation in that area.

The NAIA operation, held in conjunction with the National Collegiate Athletic Association convention at the Statler Hotel attracted a record number of athletic directors and coaches from seven college conferences of the minority.

Credited with laying the ground work for this new trend in interracial competition, Mr. Green said his efforts would have been ineffectual had not contemporary minority officials given him full support. Great credit was also given to Mr. Duer for the sincerity of his efforts, personally and professionally, to see the color bar destroyed.

Chairman of the thirty-four team district is B. T. Harvey of Morehouse College (Atlanta, Ga.) veteran Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference leader who starred at Colgate University thirty-five years ago, and later built national champions in both basketball and football at Morehouse before retiring in 1929.

Other NAIA appointments included special advisory offices for H. A. Johnson (Fisk), Edward P. Hurt (Morgan), Arnett W. Mumford (Southern), Mark Cardwell (West Virginia State), Henry A. Kean (Tenessee University), H. R. Jefferson (Hampton), and Theodore Wright (Savannah State).

Teams which may aspire to win their individual conference basketball championships, or place high therein, prior to competing in the NAIA division "at large" eliminations, in which the finalist will compete at Kansas City in the April 14-19 blue ribbon event, include the following:

The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (sixteen members)—Hampton, Howard, Morgan, North Carolina A. and T., North Carolina College, Virginia State, Virginia Union, and West Virginia State.

The SIAC (eighteen members)—Bethune-Cookman, Clark, Fisk, Florida A. and M., Fort Valley State, Knoxville, LeMoyne, Morehouse, Morris Brown, S. C. State, and Xavier. The Mid-western Association (eight members)—Kentucky State, Lincoln of Missouri, Texas-Southern, Tennessee University, Tillotson and Grambling.

The Southwestern Conference (eight members) — Arkansas State, Bishop College, Langston University, Prairie View, Southern, and Texas College. Savannah State of the Southeastern Athletic Conference, Philander Smith of the South-Central Conference, and Fayetteville Teachers of the Eastern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference were individual qualifiers in their respective groupings.

During the week's stay in the Capital, the Negro delegates were guests of many downtown hostelries; especially at the May flower on Connecticut Avenue and at the Statler, where most of the meetings were held. There are 425 U. S. colleges in twelve NAIA districts, and the Negro delegates were received cordially by the hundreds of white coaches.

Tuskegee man on NAIA committee

TUSKEGEE, Ala.—R. S. Darnaby, Tuskegee Institute, has been appointed District 3 representative on the voting committee of the National Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

This committee will be in charge of the voting and ballot boxes at the 48th annual convention of the National Intercollegiate Athletic Association to be held in Cincinnati, January 4-9, 1954. The chairman of this committee is A. E. Lumley, Amherst College, Amherst, Mass.

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Fritz Pollard Explains Reasons For Having A Negro Hall of Fame

By FRITZ POLLARD

NEW YORK — (GLOBAL) — There is so much controversy at the present time about the various Halls of Fame, I thought it might be a good idea to explain why I founded the Negro Athlete Hall of Fame.

In the past two years there have been no elections to the Football Hall of Fame. They can make the Sullivan Awards, Helms' Awards and others, but there is always going to be a controversy about who should have been awarded, who should have been elected, and who should not have been elected.

Not Segregation

For some reason people are inclined to believe that the newly organized "Negro Athlete Hall of Fame" is a segregated institution. It is not. Perhaps a little understanding of my background will explain my reasons for wanting to establish such an institution.

I knew nothing about segregation until after I had entered college. I was born in an all-white community—attended grade school and high school with my brothers and sisters, and we were the only colored students who attended. My father was a barber and my mother was a seamstress. We became an integral part of the community. The question of segregation was never allowed to enter our minds. We attended the churches in the community; we engaged in all athletic activities in the community and were a part of the social life of the community.

Whenever we were not invited to a party or social gathering, we never took it upon ourselves to think that an invitation was not extended to us because of our color—we merely felt that these particular people did not want us.

Above Humiliation

I grew up with this philosophy until, after my collegiate days, I went to a hotel with a professional football team. They told me the last room was gone. Instead of feeling humiliated, my attitude was that "I was too good for the hotel." If I went into a restaurant and they appeared not to want to serve my, my attitude was the same.

When I went to the coal region of Pennsylvania to play professional football, I was threatened. A police escort took me to the game, stayed on the field at halftime to give me protection and took me from the field after I had played 60 grueling minutes of football.

A week later I was invited to the grade and high schools to lecture. However, I learned later that the real reason they invited me was to let the children in the coal region see what a modern Negro looked like. I took no offense, but felt proud I was a Negro and that I had "equalized" myself to such an extent that I was accepted.

With these things in mind and with the experiences I had, I felt it necessary to establish such an organization and name it the "Negro Athlete Hall of Fame," so that the people of this country could realize that Negroes are capable of doing many things for themselves and to encourage the Negro, not with the idea of segregation, but with the idea that a Negro organization does not have to be a segregated organization.

To Include Whites

Our Negro Athlete Hall of Fame could take in such men as Coach Brown of the Cleveland Indians, Bill Veek, Branch Rickey, Herman Hickman of Yale, Otto Graham of the Cleveland Browns, Bob Waterfield of the L. A. Rams and other outstanding heroes who have stood by and helped the Negro athlete become famous.

It appears that the majority of our complaints have come from people who themselves have attended Negro grade and high schools, and Negro colleges. Some have become doctors, and have been forced to go to Negro hospitals for their internship. These people, of course, are sensitive and react unfavorably to any project or organizations that is labled Negro. I hope they will remember that our designating Negro Hall of Fame has been done with the desire to extol those Negroes who have achieved, and all others who have helped to make it possible, so that future generations may be aware of the fine work of our Negro athletes.

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100 PER CENT WRONG CLUB

NATIONAL SPORTS FIGURE — Artie Wilson (center), baseball star with Sacramento of the Pacific Coast, is shown here as he talks with Atlanta Daily World sports editor Marion E. Jackson (left) and Hubert Jackson, popular sportsman and federal housing official. Wilson was among the famous athletes who were feted at the annual 100 Per Cent Wrong Club Sports banquet Friday night at the University Homes. — (Perry Photo)

100 PER CENT WRONG CLUB CELEBRITIES: "More than a hun... Atlanta sportsmen attended the gala 100 Per Cent Wrong C... banquet here Friday night at the University Homes auditorium. Pictured above, far left, are Rudolph "Bunky" Matthews and Sylvester McClairen who received trophies as the outstanding coach and player, respectively, of the SIAC conference. Both are from the championship Bethune-Cookman team. The center photo depicts, from left to right, Marion Jackson, Atlanta Daily World Sports Editor; Robert Brisendine, WERD Program Director; and J. Russell Simmons, Atlanta Daily World Advertising Manager. Brisendine, who is also vice-president of the Atlanta Press Club, presented certificates of merit to Jackson and Simmons for outstanding community service through the 100 Per Cent Wrong Club. At far right are three of the top-flight sports figures who attended the banquet. From left to right are Artie Wilson, baseball star with

Twice the unsolved racial bombings and once the allegec Birmingham brutalities have come up either in court testimony o hearings. Just what should be said about such coming-ups we dc not know, exactly. However, these things seem to touch on prob lems too important to be passed over lightly.

Athletic Stars Glitter At 100 Per Cent Wrong Dinner

Sportsmen Take Limelight At All-Sports Fete

BY MARION E. JACKSON

Flash bulbs popped and sports stars glittered like diamonds as athletes, athletic directors, coaches, and just plain sportsmen sat down to breakbread at the eighteenth annual 100 Per Cent Wrong Club allsports dinner.

A bevy of headline-getting athletes which included Miss Althea Gibson, Miss Catherine Hardy, Artie Wilson, Harry (Suitcase) Simpson, Herbie Douglas, Alkin Hepburn, Alvin Neeson, Jack McClairen, Rudolph G (Bunky) Matthews, Othello Renfroe were among the Hall of Fame performers feted at the gathering.

Hubert M. Jackson, talented verb-tosser provided the wit and salient touch which brought salvos of laughter and applause from the packed room.

A highlight of the dinner was the 'surprise award' to Atlanta Dance Promoter B. B. Beamon for outstanding community service. Sportsmanship awards went to Wilson, Miss Gibson and Miss Hardy, while quarterback Hepburn was honored as the most valuable player.

Moss H. Kendrix presented the coach of the year award to Head Coach Rudolph G. (Bunky) Matthews of Bethune Cookman College, who carried his vaunted Wildcats to the SIAC championship. His team was eighth-ranked nationally.

All-American Jack McClarien, immaculata-garbed and slick as a greased log in his mannerisms was presented the Lucius L. Jones Memorial award for the oustanding player by Mr. Kendrix. The trophies were gifted by the Coca Cola Company.

Alvin Neeson, All-American guard at Morris Brown College last season, was given a plaque as the outstanding linesman.

Public relations men hung on to guest like hives. Dispensers of blended concotions like Herbie Douglas of Pabst. J. D. Brooks of Schenley, and Reuben Vaughn of Blatz kept the turnout in a mellowed frame of mind. Infact the evening was one of the most fluid of the year.

Wesley Dobbs of Camels provided the smokes. Good time and merriment were the theme of the evening but president Colston provided a sober note.

He warned the gathering that the "mortality rate of coaches had created a feeling of insecurity in the profession."

ALUMNI PREESSURES

Alumni pressures, booster clubs and lack of tenure have caused coaches to take the attitude of getting all while IL can."

"Colleges must do something to relieve these tensions. The way towards this goal is making athletics an integral function of the college with a substantial budget and on equal par with departments of the college." The Knoxville College president defended scholarships and grant-in-aids but insisted that athletic prowess alone should not be the basis for this assistance.

Colston told the gathering that "administrators, coaches, athletic directors and alumni must gain educational point of view toward athletics rather than an entertainment aspect."

OUTLINES PROGRAM

Pointing out that "He who pays the Piper will call the tune," Colston outlined the folowing program.

1. Administrators must see that the program is directed by trained, ethical officials.

2. A proper balance must be maintained between athletics and other programs.

3. Athletics program must be financed along with other college programs. Provisions should be made in the budget for athletics comparable to its value.

4. Coaches must be given tenure and status. Their continued employment must not depend on winning games.

OKAYS SUBSIDIZATION

Colston pointed out, however, that he does not object to subsidization. He said:

"I don't object to it (subsidization) any more than I do to subsidization for persons with special skills in dramatics or music."

SMILES OF FORTUNE — C. T. Perkins, membership secretary of the Butler YMCA presents a surprise award to B. B. Beamon for outstanding community service. The award was not made known until the recipient was summoned to the speaker's podium.

B. B. Beamon Gets Service Award At Allsports Fete

Most surprised guest at the 100 Per Cent Wrong Club dinner was B. B. Beamon who received an award for outstanding community service.

The Atlantan was seated near the entrance of the hall and had his mouth chockful of chicken when Emcee Hubert M. Jackson announced that C. T. Perkins, YMCA membership secretary, would make a surprise award.

Perkins started off with the regular spiel about a "citizen who has done good work in every community enterprise. Until he got around to mentioning Beamon's name it could have been anyone.

Beamon came to the speaker's podium with his face wreathed in astonishment and surprise. Happy chuckles replaced his embarrassment and he almost wept.

The Atlanta dance promoter has fathered many benefits. His charity efforts have aided the Community Chest, Safety Patrol, Cancer Research, Heart Fund and recently the March of Dimes.

HELPED PROMOTE

Likewise Beamon has taken a prominent part in YMCA and YWCA fund-raising drives and helped promote the giant Health Jamboree at A. F. Herndon Memorial Stadium several years ago.

In addition to these worthwhile charity efforts Beamon has financially backed numerous other community service projects.

The plaque given Beamon was made possible by the Amiketos Club, an organization of young men. The group likewise presented a plaque to Olympic Champion Catherine Hardy.

Close to 150 persons witnessed the presentation to Mr. Beamon at the eighteenth annual 100 Per Cent Wrong Club dinner at the University Homes.

GIBSON HONORED

Others cited were Miss Althea Gibson, American Tennis Association champion; Artie Wilson, infielder of the Seattle Rainers; Alkin Hepburn, All-American quarterback of Florida A and M; Alvin Neeson, All-American linesman of Morris Brown College; Jack McClairen, All-American end, Bethune Cookman College; Dr. James A Colston, president, Knoxville College; Moss H. Kendrix, Public Relations consultant, Coca Cola Company, and to Rudolph G. (Bunky) Matthews, coach of the year of Bethune Cookman College.

Among the honored guests were Harry (Suitcase) Simpson, outfielder, Cleveland Indians; Herbie Douglas, Olympic broad jump champion; Reuben Vaughn, representative of Blatz; J. D. Brooks, Schenley products and members of the 100 Per Cent Wrong Club.

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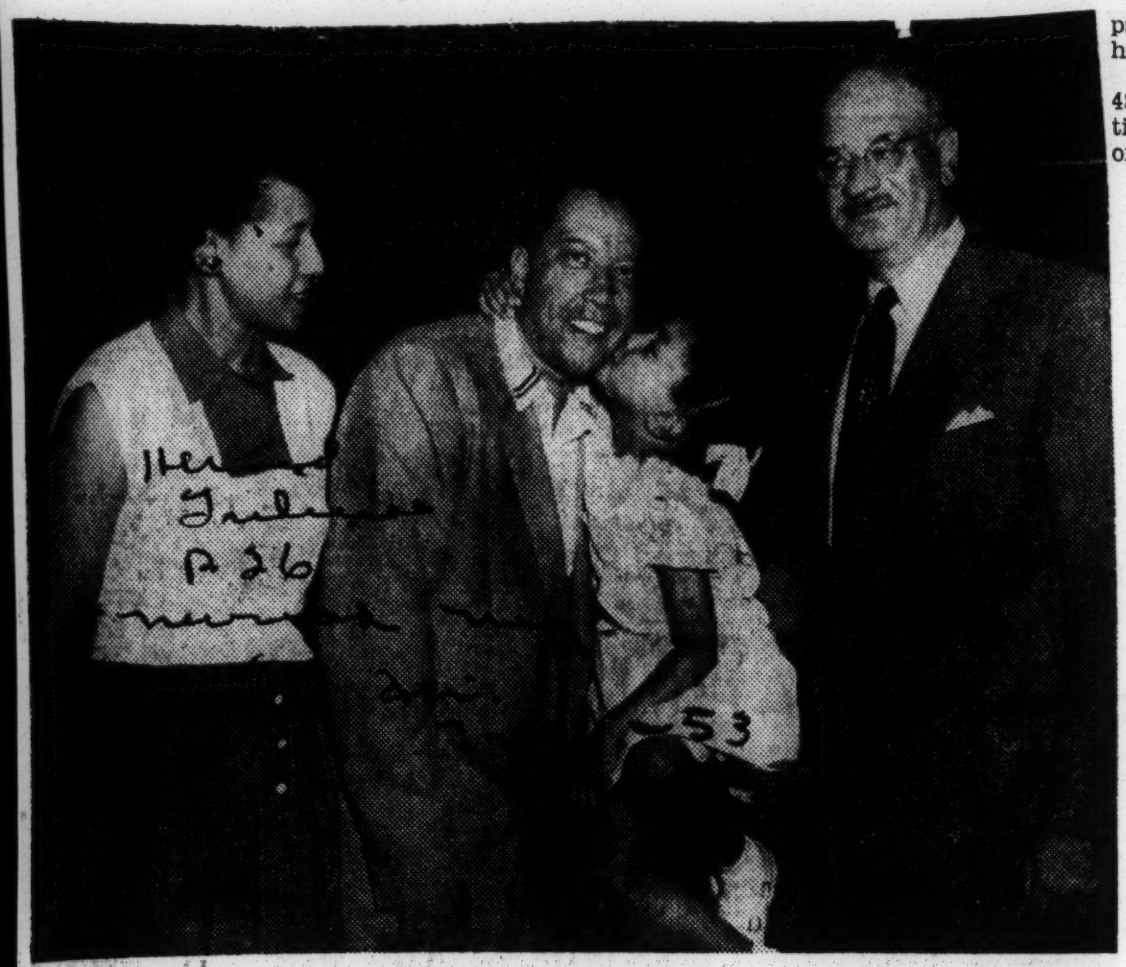

Ira Rosenberg

The boss is rooting for him, too—Willis Hanks, thirty-nine-year-old postal clerk, getting a good-by kiss from his daughter, Phyllis, five, before sailing on the Liberte yesterday for a try at swimming the English Channel. Also seeing him off were Mrs. Hanks and Acting Postmaster Harold Riegelman of New York.

N. Y. Postal Clerk Is Off To Try Channel Swim

A New York Post Office clerk sailed for France yesterday to swim the English Channel. Should he succeed, he will be the first American man to cross the treacherous nineteen-mile course in thirty years. He is the first American Negro to attempt it.

Willis Hanks, thirty-nine, a former swimming instructor now a clerk at the Midtown Postal Station, 233 W. 38th St., was among 1,103 passengers aboard the French liner Liberte. The vessel's departure from Pier 88, at W. 48th St., scheduled for noon, was delayed for three hours by a sixteen-mile-an-hour wind and squalls that slowed down all harbor traffic.

Nearly Had to Swim

"Practically had to swim aboard," the husky athlete remarked, settling down to a discussion of his lifelong ambition to swim the Channel. In spite of the morning downpour, a delegation of fellow postal employees, headed by Acting Postmaster Harold Riegelman, and a group of friends, and his wife, Margaret, and five-year-old daughter, Phyllis, came aboard to see him off.

Mr. Hanks, who has been an instructor at the Harlem Y. M. C. A., the Boys Athletic League, the Harlem Children's Center and St. Philip's Community Center, said he has wanted to swim the Channel since Gertrude Ederle did it successfully in 1926. Two American men swam the channel in 1923, but since then the laurels have gone to the ladies.

He plans to make the attempt from Cape Gris Nez, France, to Dover, England, between Aug. 17 and 23. The attempt, Mr. Hanks said, will cost him about $3,000, raised in a campaign instituted by the Harlem Y. M. C. A. and to which Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella, Lena Horne, Sugar Ray Robinson and the United National Association of Post Office Clerks, of which he is a member, contributed.

Got Expert Advice

Mr. Hanks said he has also been advised at length by Florence Chadwick, "who has done the Channel both ways and who's really trying the impossible this year, planning to swim the Straits of Gibraltar and the Dardanelles and the Channel again." Her English trainer, Sam Rockett, who himself swam the Channel in 1950, will prepare Mr. Hanks for the long haul.

Mr. Hanks, who lives at 159-48 Harlem River Drive, is a native New Yorker and a graduate of Stuyvesant High School.

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TELEVISION SCHEDULE

Five Irish Grid Tilts Contracted

NEW YORK —(AP)— Notre Dame's home football games and several games involving the Harlem Globetrotter basketball team will be seen on theater television screens during the coming seasons.

Milton N. Mound, president of the newly-organized Box Office Television, Inc., announced Wednesday that he had signed a five-year contract with Notre Dame for the televising of a minimum number of home football and basketball games and a six-year pact with the Harlem Globetrotters.

Mound said that there were 110 theaters in 62 cities equipped to handle the big screen portrayal of the games and that "35 theaters showed interest in our product even before they knew that we could offer them such attractions."

The new concern also is seeking to buy the TV rights to such fights as the coming Bobo Olson-Randy Turpin middleweight title bout and Rocky Marciano's defense of his heavyweight crown in September.

Broadway theatrical and musical productions of such scope that they include the Metropolitan Opera also are being contacted for showing, Mound said.

Mound said that the theater admission prices would be kept as low as economically possible "possibly in the range of $1.25 or $1.50 for football." The basketball games likely would be shown as a part of the regular theater program.

The Notre Dame football offerings for 1953 are the Oct. 17 game with Pittsburgh, Oct. 24 with Georgia Tech, Oct. 31 with Navy, Nov. 21 with Iowa, and Dec. 5 with Southern Methodist.

The latter game also will be shown on the NCAA home television program over the NBC network but Mound said that "by that time we hope to have enough converts to big screen TV and the stadium atmosphere we can create to make our show that day economically feasible."

Asa Bushnell, commissioner of the Eastern College Athletic Conferences, said that in 1951 when the NCAA's program of limited home TV football included various blackouts on specified Saturdays that "theater owners told us they could make money only on those Saturday's when there were blackouts."

Bushnell added that the new enterprise was organized "with full knowledge of the NCAA. The NCAA always has welcomed experiments along these lines."

In addition to the Notre Dame home football games, Mound said that negotiations also were in progress to show the Notre Dame at Pennsylvania and the Notre Dame at Southern California games.

Notre Dame and Pennsylvania, incidentally, were two of the most vocal opponents of the NCAA's limited home TV shows.

If equipment can be installed, it is possible that some University of Kentucky basketball games also will be shown.

The basketball schedule for the coming season is: Nov. 17—Globetrotters at Newark, N.J.; Dec. 7—Northwestern at Notre Dame; Dec. 14—Globetrotters at Toledo; Jan. 4—Globetrotters at Chicago; Jan. 11—St. Louis University at Notre Dame; Jan. 19—Purdue at Notre Dame; Feb. 15—DePaul at Notre Dame; Feb. 24—Globetrotters at Oklahoma City; March 23—Globetrotters at Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mound said he had no idea how Notre Dame would divide its receipts from the TV shows with its athletic opponents. In many cases, colleges split gate receipts on a 50-50 basis after expenses.

It was the late Mike Jacobs, New York fight promoter, who predicted almost a decade ago that athletic contests of the future would be held in studios with the gate receipts coming from paying TV spectators.

The plan got its first big test in the Ray (Sugar) Robinson-Turpin middleweight title bout in September, 1951. Some 61,000 spectators were lured to Yankee Stadium for the bout.

The 62 theaters included in the present plans would seat 245,968 fans. Mound added that many other theaters had equipment in their basements ready to install as soon as it became definite that they would have programs to offer the public.

The cities, listed by Mound as having theaters capable of handling his planned programs; (number of theaters in brackets).

New York City (11); Albany (1); Binghamton, N.Y., (1); Buffalo (2); Rutherford, N.J. (2); Asbury Park, N.J. (1); Fort Lee, N.J. (1); Camden, N.J. (1); Philadelphia (2); Chester, Pa. (1); Erie, Pa., (2); Pittsburgh (4); Providence, R.I. (1); Boston (2); Natick, Mass., (1); Lynn, Mass., (1); Baltimore (4); Washington, D.C. (4).

Richmond, Va., (3); Dayton, Ohio (1); Toledo (1); Cincinnati (1); Cleveland (5); Detroit (4); Charlotte, N.C. (1); Atlanta (1); Miami, (1); Jacksonville, Fla., (1); Toronto (1); Gary, Ind., (1); Hammond, Ind., (1); Indianapolis, Ind. (1); Chicago (6); Milwaukee (2); St. Paul (1); Minneapolis (2); St. Louis (2); Kansas City (1); Memphis (1); New Orleans (1); Birmingham, (1); Des Moines (1); Louisville (1); Lawrence, Kan., (1); Omaha (1); Houston (1); Dallas (2); Fort Worth (1); Denver (2); Salt Lake City (2); Phoenix (1); San Bernardino, Cal., (1); Fresno, Cal., (1); Los Angeles (4); Hollywood (1); Beverly Hills, Cal., (1); Huntington Park, Cal. (1); Santa Barbara, Cal., (1); San Francisco (2); Seattle (1); Tacoma, Wash., (1); Portland, Ore. (1).

Cleve Abbott gets Olympic Games post

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — At the quarterly meeting of the U.S. Olympic Association, held at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C., Cleve L. Abbott, director of athletics at Tuskegee Institute, was named a member of the U.S. Olympic Games Committee.

Mr. Abbott attended the meeting and participated in making plans for the Pan - American Olympic Games which will be held in Mexico City in 1955 and the Olympics to take place in Melbourne, Australia, in 1956.

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Along Sports Trail

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BY SAM BROWN

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — (SNS)

Like millions of baseball fans throughout the country, we have been following the daily fortune and exploits of the Brooklyn Dodgers, and are still of the opinion that the 1953 Dodgers, as a team, are a much stronger outfit than the team that won the pennant last season.

The team has everything seemingly, that it takes to win pennants with the single exception of an outstanding pitching staff. Yet, the pitchers on this year's team are strong enough to carry the burden down to the wire, especially, since thtere is such a powerful array of hitters to back them up.

In talking to our good friend, Herbert Davenport, the talkative and efficient barber at MY Barber Shop on South Third St., who is one of the staunch Dodgers fans of the city; it was brought out that he qualifies as a baseball expert and will argue you no light to his knowledge of the game and the players and managers who are active participants.

It isn't often our friend, and we see eye to eye in talking about sports, but we were together on this occasion when it was mentioned that taking man for man, not counting pitchers, that there is not a man on any other team who we would exchange for any of the Dodgers. One of those listening in on our discussion interposed possibly Stan Musial of the St. Louis Cardinals, whereupon, Davenport was quick to ask who for, Jack Robinson? He added that Robinson in his book is rated over Musial, notwithstanding the fact that Musial is a great ball player, but has played only two positions, whereas, Robinson has played all the positions in the infield, can hit, run bases and has proved to be a star at all positions.

Our listener-in went on to say that he was thinking of Robinson as a second baseman when he mentioned Musial, but he was promptly reminded that as great a second baseman as Robinson is, he'd been chased off and away from second base by the brilliant Junior Gilliam, who is rated among the best in the major leagues, even though he was not named to play in the All-Star game.

When the name of Gilliam was mentioned it was readily agreed that he must be good to move Robinson. Some of the things said about his play would classify him as being greater than Robinson or any one else. "Like Robinson, he is a second baseman who can do everything—he can hit, field, run, throw and think. At Montreal last season in triple A, he hit over .300, was second in runs batted in, scored the most runs in the league and led the league in doubles with 41. He played in every game, according to the record, which is proof enough of his durability. He was voted the Most Valuable Player for his all-round work.."

"True, Gilliam is not the power hitter of the Robinson type, although occasionally he delivers the long hit. His speed is far above the average, he has an accurate throwing arm and there are indications that he has not as yet reached his peak."

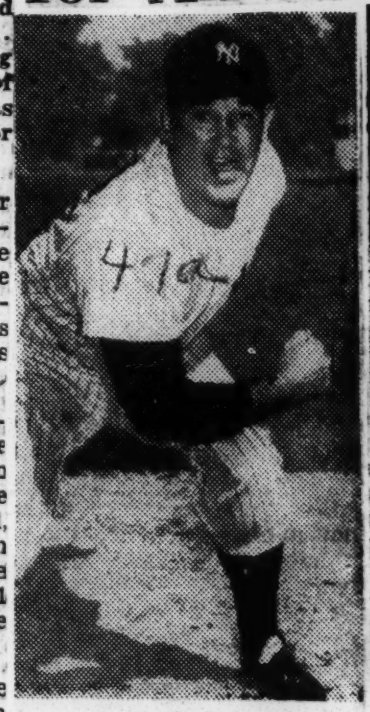
We did not have time to stay until the discussion was over as we had a deadline to make, but as soon as we were able we looked up some of the statements we had heard, and to our surprise we found them all true with more that might have been added. Gilliam made only 11 errors last season, batted .303, drove in 109 runs and scored 133.

When the Dodgers front office suggested to Robinson that Gilliam was going to get every opportunity to beat him out of the second base job, last spring, Jackie said, "It's all right with me. If the kid can shove me off second, then good luck to him. I'll help him every way I possibly can by teaching him everything I know. You seem to think the kid is ready to move me off now. Maybe you are right, although I don't think so. But even if the kid beats me out, I'll play somewhere on the team. You can bet on that."

Much of the success of the Dodgers thus far this year is due to the brilliant play of Gilliam. The Dodgers were fortunate to be able to bring up a player of his calibre. The best on the whole team, no one player is a team, but you must rate him at his position, along with the other star players at the other positions; Roy Campanella, Gil Hodges, Pee Wee Reese, Billy Cox, Jackie Robinson, Duke Snider and Carl Furillo.

Even though the season is only two-thirds over and the Dodgers five and a half games out in front, we along with our friend Barber Davenport see the Dodgers repeating as pennant winners in the National League, the first National Leaguers to repeat since the Cardinals in '32, '33 and '34.

Stengel Names A. L. Pitchers for All-Star Game



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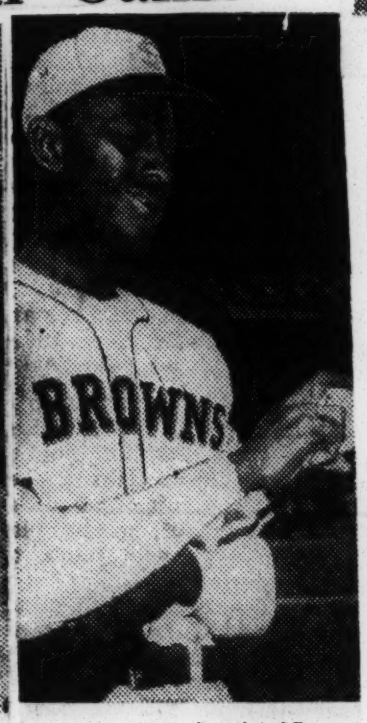


Associated Press

Satchel Paige

Reynolds, Sain, Lemon, Paige, Garcia Picked

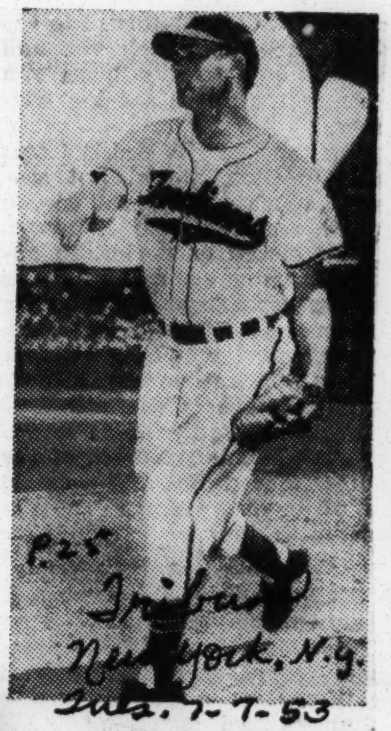
Tribune

CHICAGO, July 6 (AP).—Mike Garcia and Bob Lemon, of Cleveland, Allie Reynolds and Johnny Sain, of New York, Satchel Paige, of St. Louis . . . Billy Pierce, of Chicago.

Those are Casey Stengel's pitching selections, announced today, for the annual All-Star baseball game in Cincinnati July 14. Stengel is the American League manager by virtue of his position as pilot of the defending pennant winners, the New York Yankees.

He also released through American League headquarters today supporting players for the starting line-up chosen by fans in the country-wide poll which ended at midnight Friday.

The eight ballot winners are Mickey Vernon, Washington, first base; Billy Goodman, Boston, second base; Al Rosen, Cleveland, third base; Chico Carrasquel, Chicago, shortstop; Gus Zernial, Philadelphia, leftfield; Mickey Mantle, New York, centerfield; Hank Bauer, New York, rightfield, and Yogi Berra, New York, catcher.



Bob Lemon

The Brooklyn Dodgers' manager, Charley Dressen, will announce tomorrow his National League pitching choices and supporting players for the fans' line-up.

Rounding out his twenty-five-man squad for the All-Star game, Stengel named the following players to back the starting eight men who must play a minimum of three innings:

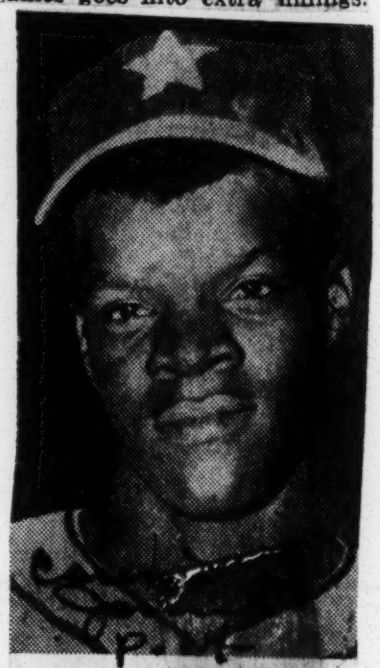
Infielders—Ferris Fain, Chicago; Nelson Fox, Chicago; Bill Hunter, St. Louis; George Kell Boston; Harvey Kuenn, Detroit; Johnny Mize, New York; Phil Rizzuto, New York, and Eddie Robinson, Philadelphia.

Outfielders — Larry Doby; Cleveland; Minnie Minoso, Chicago.

Catcher—Sam White, Boston.

In addition, Stengel chose Lou Boudreau, Boston Red Sox manager, and the Yankees' Jim Turner as coaches; Mel Harder, of Cleveland and George Myatt, of Washington, as batting practice pitchers; George Susce, of Boston, as batting practice catcher, and Jack Homel, of Detroit, as trainer.

Stengel didn't indicate which of his six pitching choices would start the game. By All-Star rules, no pitcher may play more than three innings unless the games goes into extra innings.



Associated Press Wirephoto

FIRST NEGRO on the Detroit Tigers' roster is Claude Agee, 18, McKeesport, Pa., outfielder signed yesterday. Agee, who hit .419 for his high school team, will report to Jamestown, N. Y., in the Pony League, a Tiger farm club.

'COLOR LINE BROKEN'

Aaron MVP in Sally

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Aug. 18. (AP) — One of the highest honors ever accorded a Negro athlete in the South has gone to 19-year-old Henry Aaron of the Jacksonville Braves who was voted the most valuable player in the South Atlantic League Tuesday.

Henry Aaron

Aaron, a .368-hitting second baseman from Mobile who may switch to the outfield, belongs to the Milwaukee Braves and is expected to report to the major league club in mid-September when the Sally League season ends.

Sally League President Dick Butler of Columbia, S. C., hailed Aaron's selection as meaning that "the color barrier has been broken, there's no doubt about that," in Southern baseball.

Aaron has led the league in hitting almost from the start of the season. He leads not only in percentage but in runs with 104, 187 hits, 294 total bases, 34 doubles, 13 triples and 114 runs batted in. His 20 homers are second in the league.

Baseball In The News

Regardless of station in life or profession, the minds of the American people are turned toward baseball in this zero hour of the World Series. Such gripping tension goes on to show that after all the American people are baseball minded. While there are economic upheavals and nervous disorders, national and international unrest, these are laid aside for a few days to give space in our busy lives for a few hours of relaxation in sports.

While many could not attend in person, millions of Americans are perched around their radio and television sets to hear and see the great game played.

We do not have to wait for the newspaper, we see the beginning and the end of the games, and as soon as the press finds out about the runs and the scores, the remotest listener among the southernmost hills knows it also.

We point with pride, to such great stars of the Negro race, who are giving excellent accounts of themselves, as Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella, and Junior Gilliam.

Robinson probably "broke ice" for the group in his brilliant career begun in Montreal in 1946. Such an astounding giant he was, he was brought to Brooklyn in 1947 where his prowess and his steel were soon to brand him as the "Rookie of the Year", a coveted honor.

Roy Campanella also sent a thrill around the country on Friday, when in that terrible pinch the Dodgers found themselves, he hit a home run and gave renewed courage and emphasis to his Dodgers.

Baseball is a great sport; it is a humanizer and in its recognition of real worth as a determining factor and moral prerequisite, instead of adhering to color schemes and foolish patterns, it sets an example for the state and the church.

JACK, ROY, MONTE TOP BATTERS IN NL

NEW YORK — (ANP) — Official statistics of the National League, released Sunday, reveal that Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella of the Brooklyn Dodgers and Monte Irvin of the New York Giants were among the top batters in the National League.

Jackie and Irvin were tied for seventh in batting with an average of .329 and Campy ranked 10th with a .312 mark.

Campanella, voted the league's most valuable player, rated high in several categories. He was tops in runs batted in with 142, a major league record for catchers; third in home runs with 41, also a major league mark for backstops, and had 317 total bases to rate near the top in the slugging department.

Bill Bruton of the Milwaukee Braves led the league in stolen bases with 26. He was caught stealing 11 times, second only to Junior Gilliam of the Brooklyn Dodgers in this dubious department. Bruton also was second in triples with 14, behind Gilliam here, too.

Gilliam won the triples crown with 17, and was third in stolen bases with 21. He was caught stealing 14 times, however. Gilliam, who was the league's "rookie of the year," scored 125 runs to rank fourth.

Luke Easter

Ray Noble

2 Versions of Easter's Noble Fight

New York, Dec. 27 (AP)—A recent news item from Havana that told of a fight between Catcher Ray Noble of the New York Giants against eight foes reminded Giant Scout Tom Sheehan of what he called the "fiercest fight" he had ever seen between two ball players.

The participants were Noble and Luke Easter of the Cleveland Indians. The place was the Giant clubhouse in the Polo Grounds. It took place before a pre-season exhibition game between the Giants and Indians two years ago.

Gave Easter Beating

According to Sheehan, Noble gave Easter the beating of his life. Only the intervention of a special policeman, who threatened to shoot Noble on the spot, saved Easter from permanent injury.

"That Noble is the strongest man I've ever seen," said Sheehan. "If he turned to fighting instead of baseball, he'd chase Rocky Marciano out of the ring."

Easter's Version

In Cleveland, Easter gave a different account when told of Sheehan's story. Luke said:

"Why, it wasn't like that at all. Noble and I were boxing down south, Oklahoma, I think, on an exhibition tour. We were just kind of playing around without any gloves and I got the best of him. He got mad then and grabbed me and threw me down. I had my spikes on and wasn't expecting it. He said, 'I'll fight you,' but a policeman came and stopped us."

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Big Boom Key

Negro Players Seen As The Balance Wheel In The Majors

(Editor's Note: The following story appears in the current issue of the Sporting News, nation baseball weekly.)

In a turbulent era of pros and cons over the effects of television, of players demands heaviest since the threat of unionization a half dozen years ago, of sagging gates, of two major franchise switches in a single year after a dormant period of a half-century, a revolution of No. 1 importance in baseball has gone virtually unnoticed.

It is the emergence of the Negro player, not as a freak or attendance stimulant, but as a talent factor which could bring leveling off in the won-and-lost departments in both leagues and a consequent prosperity that comes when a fan is given something to cheer about.

VAST UNTAPPED SOURCE

In seven short seasons, baseball has come to realize that the Negro youth, both in the United States and elsewhere, represents a vast, untapped source of player strength. Every major league club is well aware of how the addition of two or three top-flight players can turn a chronic second-division club into a contender. Every major league club, save one, has turned to the Negro player for possible talent. And of revolutionary significance is that they are no longer searching for him in the upper echelons of organized Negro ball, but down on the sandlots and on the same basis as white kids.

When the Yankees broke their color line recently, or fancied, to bring up Vic Power and Elston Howard, making them the first of their race to wear the uniform of the most powerful club in the game, it was pointed out that 12 of the major league clubs have one or more Negroes on their current roster.

The clubs without them, it was noted, were the Cardinals and Phillies of the National league and the Tigers and Red Sox of the American. Of this group, three have young Negro players in their "feedlines," and there is every reason to believe that all 16 clubs in the majors will go to spring training next year with a Negro ball player under contract somewhere in the organization.

In any field this would be a sociological switch-around of the first magnitude. The clippings of the stories in which Ford Frick, when he was president of the National League, threatened Jackie Robinson's boycotters with banishment from baseball are still undimmed by the passage of time, snuggled in their envelopes in newspaper librairies. From open rebellion to universal acceptance in seven short seasons is a staggering thought.

This type of athletic revolution has occurred in other sports once they had been opened up to Negro competitors. Today, Negroes, who constitute only one-tenth of the U S. population of more than 150,000,000, virtually dominate the boxing game. Half of the pugilistic world titles are held by Negroes.

It has been the same way in track and field or any other sports thrown open without restriction to Negro competitors. Whenever they've been given an opportunity they've boosted the level of performance in the sport into which they've been admitted.

Satchel Paige, Roy Campanella, Don Newcombe, Larry Doby and a handful of other Negro stars made the headlines shortly after appearance of Robinson as the first Negro in Organized Ball. After them came the secondary crop of fine Negro players, the Irvins, the Thompsons, the Jethroes, the Blacks. And now come the most important of all—the Negro kids, first uncovered by major league scouts and then subjected to the training and development which has only one objective in mind, the major leagues.

ITS GREAT TO BE A YANKEE—The first Negro ball player ever to wear a Yankee uniform—Elston Howard—beams with pride on the historic occasion as he dons the shirt of the New York club at his St. Louis, Mo., for The Sporting News, national baseball weekly. There are players in the Yankee farm system, but the names of Howard, an outfielder who batted .288 for Kansas City last season, and Vic Power, who led the American association in batting with a .349 mark while also with the Blues, are the first to appear on the parent club's roster.

Keeping that ten-to-one population ratio in mind, the progress of the Negro in Organized Ball has been nothing short of tremendous. Since 1949, the Baseball Writers' Association's Most Valuable Player awards have encompassed eight choices. In that period two of these plums have gone to Negroes—Robinson and Campanella, whose excellence on the field has cut across all types of racial and sectional prejudice.

Campanella also was acclaimed the No. 1 National League player of 1953 by The Sporting News and indications are that he will add a second MVP award to his list of honors, too.

Even more significant has been The Sporting News' selection of its rookie of the year since since 1946, a year when there were no Negroes in the majors—rookies or otherwise. Since that time there have been 11 selections (on a couple of occasions only one rookie was picked for the majors). Of this group six have been Negroes.

AWAIT MAYS' RETURN

Practically everywhere in baseball Negro players figure vitally in future plans. The Giants look to Willie Mays' return to haul them back into a contending role after

Armoros and Bob Trice, the Ottawa pitcher brought up by the A's at the end of the season.

In the American Association, Power led the hitters. Behind him half of the spots in the first ten batters were occupied by such Negro hitters as Bob Wilson at St. Paul, Sam Jethroe at Toledo, Louis Marquez at Toledo and Dave Pope at Indianapolis.

Right down the line Negro players in the minors stood out. There was Cleveland's Bill Harrell at Reading in the Eastern League; the Braves' second baseman hitting sensation, Henry Aaron, the South Atlantic batting champion moved up to Toledo; Jim Greason, sold by Oklahoma City to the Cardinals; Jim Clarkson, runner up for the Texas League batting title, and so on.

Dallas Club Buys Negro Pitcher

ATLANTA, Dec. 1 (AP)—Owner Dick Burnett of the Dallas club in the double-A Texas League said today he has purchased Negro Pitcher Jim Tugerson, who had a 28-11 record with Knoxville of the Class D Mountain States League last year.

Tugerson was the property of Hot Springs, in the Class C Cotton States League, but was sent to Knoxville when other CSL cities objected vigorously to Negro and white players performing together.

Burnett said he bought Tugerson on the recommendation of Brooklyn Catcher Roy Campanella, who predicted a major league future for the young pitcher.

Montgomery drafts Negro baseball ace

ATLANTA, Dec. 2 — (AP) — Montgomery of the Class A South Atlantic League yesterday drafted a slugging Negro outfielder, John Davis, from Fort Lauderdale of the Class B Florida-International League.

He was the No. 1 pick in the Class A draft since Montgomery got first choice of lower classification players.

Although Negroes played in the SALL last year for the first time, Montgomery, called the Cradle of the Confederacy, did not have one on its roster.

Re: Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella

(From The Louisiana Weekly)

REACTIONS to the currently barnstorming baseball teams in these parts have provided a most interesting topic of conversation during the past weeks. The outfits concerned have been the Jackie Robinson All Stars, an interracial team and the Roy Campanella Negro All Stars.

For instance here in New Orleans the Jackie Robinson All Stars, an interracial outfit, got little or no build up from the sports columnists in the daily press whereas the Roy Campanella Negro All Stars got top billing and Roy himself got the rave notices he has been getting all year as baseball's greatest catcher.

Judging the treatment two baseball's top names got here from the daily press it was plainly obvious that Campy rates better with the local sporting fraternity than Robbie.

And herein lies what the boys 'knew the fat about'. It is their feeling that Campy is looked upon more favorably because (in the thinking of the white writers) Campy knows 'his place' better than Robbie ' knows his place.' Roy is barnstorming in the South with a Negro outfit which will not cause any controversy or ill feeling to anybody. This is not the case with Robinson. The modern pioneer of the Negro in big league baseball is daring and ever pressing forward to put democracy into action. This does not set too well with conservative Southern sports writers. Robbie is not conforming when he heads an interracial outfit and brings it South. To some, that's like putting salt in a sore wound, despite the fact that interracial teams have been all over the South for the past several years.

As far as local baseball fans are concerned, they are equally proud of Robbie and Campy and their respective teams. They wanted to see both outfits for different reasons.

The only sour note to the Robinson venture was the refusal of at least four cities, Memphis, Birmingham, Hattiesburg and Natchez, to permit the white players to play. The games were played without them and some observers immediately put Robinson "on the pan" for not taking a stand and pulling the whole outfit out. This would have been costly for the Robinson All Stars could have been sued for breach of contract.

Most observers feel you can't save the race by breaking a contract. The thing to do now, is don't sign that kind of contract which puts you over a barrel. Making democracy look ridiculous is a sorry spectacle in which no honest, straight thinking American wants any part.

Baseball Democracy In Montgomery

Purchase of two Negro baseball players by the Montgomery (Alabama) Grays of the South Atlantic League puts this state back into the favorable news spotlight. The "Cradle of the Old Confederacy" is moving in the direction of bold goodwill. Baseball democracy looms for Montgomery.

Montgomery was already permitting Negro players to compete on the same field with other players. The real baseball fans were turning out in big numbers to watch the mixed competition. The experience proved beneficial in the way of baseball economics and improved human relations. It just about saved the day for organized baseball in the capital city.

Montgomery is fast taking the lead as Alabama's most enlightened city. Large numbers of white fans yearly witness the Thanksgiving Day parade and Tuskegee versus Alabama State football game. Big league teams with Negro players which pass up cities like Birmingham scheduled spring exhibition games in that city. The friendly spirit is growing in Montgomery.

We congratulate the owners and management of the Montgomery Grays for the forward and vital step they have made to improve the baseball club and to add new evidence that baseball is American democracy's chief pasttime as a sport and as a symbol of our spirit of open competition and fairplay. We hope that the team will be able to triple its support and that from all over the state baseball fans will go to Montgomery to watch the Grays.

Shortstop Carlos Santiago and Outfielder John H. Davis should make the Grays a better ball club. They will have a splendid opportunity to hel pthe club on and off the field.

'NO COMMENT' DETOUR:

Southern Assn. dodges colored-player question

By JAMES B. LAFOURCHE

NEW ORLEANS (ANP)—The highly explosive question relative to colored playing on white baseball teams throughout the South was tactfully evaded here last week when the Southern Association directors met in private sessions.

The said officials sidetracked the direct issue until some future date. Off the record, however, it was the unanimous opinion of the group that the hiring of all players should be left entirely up to the respective club owners.

Concerning the two players said to be assigned by the Boston Braves to play with the Atlanta Crackers, Earl Mann, president of the Crackers, insisted "No comment."

Mann likewise refused to shed any light on the story in the Sporting News, national baseball weekly, that colored were merely on the Atlanta roster as a "paper deal" by the Braves and would be removed before the season begins.

"A diligent search of the league constitution failed to disclose anything about colored players, and it is to be taken for granted that their presence in the league would constitute no violation. The belief is general that the patrons who support back who was voted Bolling's most valuable player last year got off to a slow start but has improved with every game. Against Ft. Monmouth, Boyd, who has tremendous speed, carried four times for 55 yards, which boosted his average to 5.9 yards per try for eight games.

Omaha Signs Negro Hurler

OMAHA, Dec. 5 (INS)—The Western League Omaha Cardinals announced they have acquired their second Negro player with the signing of Leon Harris of East Providence, R. I. The 23-year-old right handed pitcher is a native of Nyack, N. Y. The Cardinals' other Negro player is second baseman Floyd Robinson, purchased from Denison, Tex., last July for 1954 delivery.

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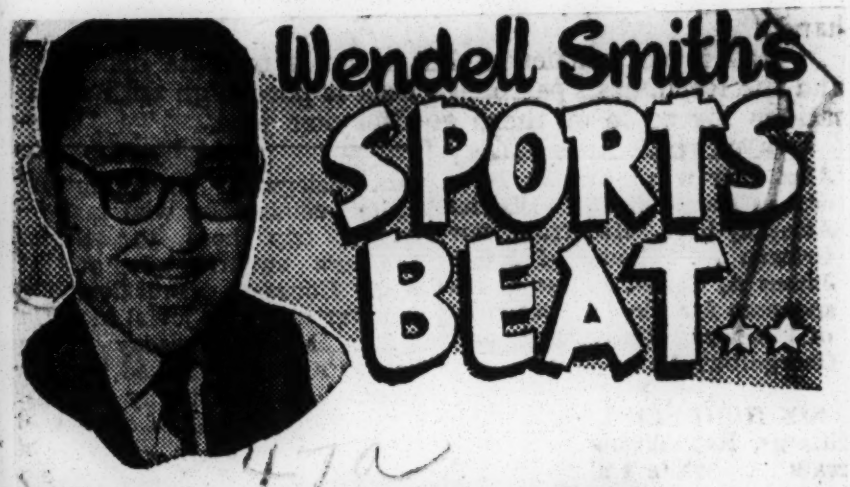

Campanella Proves Greatness in Series . . .

If ever a ball player displayed intestinal fortitude when the chips were down, Roy Campanella, the bulky Brooklyn catcher, did it during the World Series . . . Battered and beaten, racked with pain and misery, the indefatigable perfectionist of the Dodgers refused to quit and take the easy way out after he had been hit on the hand by one of Allie Reynolds' fast balls in the first game of the series.

If Roy hadn't thrown up his hand when he did, Reynolds' pitch probably would have hit him in the head. Sheer instinct, nothing more, saved him. The pain was almost unbearable . . . so excruciating, so agonizing . . . that he was compelled to burrow his pudgy nose in the earth and dig desperately, like a terrified mole, for relief, while the umpire and his fellow-players tried to console him.

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Then he finally got up . . . staggered to his feet and made a move toward first base. They tried to stop him, tried to make him retire from the game. But he is a man of indomitable and unconquerable spirit. He refused to leave the ball game. He played on, stayed in the game . . . that day, the next day . . . and the next.

After that first contest, they tried to make him submit to an X-ray. They wanted to know if he had suffered a fracture. But Roy wouldn't go for that. He repelled all efforts to make him submit to an examination.

"There ain't nothing wrong with my hand," he said, "that time won't heal. I'm not going to any doctor, or let them perform any X-ray. I'm going to finish out this series, if it kills me."

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Then in the third game, he apparently forgot all about the pain which was haunting him every second, every pitch. He caught one of Vic Raschi's fast balls and belted it into the left field stands, making it possible for the Dodgers to stay in the series and assuring them a 3 to 2 victory.

Carl Erskine, a gritty righthander, was doing the pitching for the Brooks. He turned in a masterful mound feat striking out 14 mighty Yankees for a new series record during the course of his magnificent performance. But he couldn't have accomplished the triumph if it hadn't been for Campanella, the man who caught his pitches and slammed the homer that won the game.

Of all the Dodgers we talked to before the series, Campanella was the most defiant, most arrogant and contemptible when the Yankees were mentioned.

"Look," he demanded, "they can be beaten. Most teams have folded and run for cover at the mere mention of their name. But we're not going to roll over and play dead for them. They've won four series straight, but they'll win the fifth over my dead body."

That is the way he played in the series, too. Crippled by injuries and handicapped by constant pain, the stocky Dodgers catcher gave everything, every minute.

That is what makes him one of the greatest catchers of all time. He is a fearless, determined player. Without him, Brooklyn would never have won the pennant. He smashed out 41 home runs; drove in 142 runs, a major league record for catchers. His batting average for the 1953 season was a healthy .312, best of any catcher in the majors and eleventh best in the National League.

Before the series there was some dispute as to whether he was the most valuable player in the National League. They talked about Eddie Matthews, who hit 47 homers, and Red Schoendienst, who hit .342, and Carl Furillo, and Duke Snider, and Warren Spahn, and possibly a few others.

But any good judge of ball players would be compelled to agree that the hefty Brooklyn catcher rated the honor, hands down. He not only spread havoc on offense, but helped develop the Brooklyn pitching staff to the place where it was the most effective and sound, generally, in the league.

Charlie Grimm, the shrewd manager of the Milwaukee Braves, paid one of the greatest tributes of all to "Rollicking Roy" at the end of the season when he said:

"I had good catching this year. They don't come much better than Del Crandall. But if our pitchers had a receiver behind the plate as smart as Campanella, we would have been much, much closer when the season ended, to first place. He's one of the all-time greats. He makes your pitchers pitch. Brooklyn couldn't have won without him."

He Set All Kinds of Records in 1953 . . .

Roy set all kinds of records for catchers during the past season. In the second game of a doubleheader on Labor Day, for example, he took over the major league record for runs batted in by a catcher. He belted one of Curt Simmons' pitches for his thirty-ninth home run with two men on base, giving him 136 driven across the plate. The previous mark was 133, set by Bill Dickey in 1937.

The day before, at the Polo Grounds, Campanella broke Gabby Hartnett's 23-year-old record of 37 home runs in a season by a catcher. When he bashed out his thirty-ninth homer a few days later at Ebbets Field, it topped the circuit blow mark for all Dodgers of all time.

During the time he was setting those hitting marks, Roy was doing better than all right behind the plate, too. On Sept. 6, for instance, he established a new record for putouts by a catcher when he was credited with 5, to run his total to 732, breaking the league mark of 729 by John Meyers of the 1911 Giants.

Campanella is the best catcher in baseball today, no matter whether he is behind the plate telling the pitcher what to do, or standing beside it with his big bat in hand. He has no peer. He is, in fact, on par with such all-time greats as Cochrane, Dickey, Ewing, Kling, Schalk and Bresnahan.

When he finally does hang up his mask, it'll be a long, long time before we see the likes of him again. If he isn't the National League's most valuable player this year, pray tell . . . who is, friends?

Jay SAYS

Galloping Ghost

A GLANCE AT the lugging average of players in both leagues reveals that Roy Campanella, the Brooklyn Dodgers catcher, ended the season in third place. The averages are computed by dividing the total number of bases on all hits by the number of times at bat. Campy had 316 bases in 519 times at bat. He made 162 hits, had 41 homers, three triples and 25 two-baggers. He beat Stan Musial of St. Louis by two points. Roy's percentage was .609. First place went to Duke Snider of Brooklyn who scored .6271 over Milwaukee's Eddie Mathews who had .6269.

Monte Irvin, New York Giants outfielder now in Japan on a barnstorming tour was eighth in the National League and Brooklyn's Jackie Robinson placed 13th. Monte clouted 21 home runs, Robinson, 12.

Over in the American league, Larry Doby of the Cleveland Indians was seventh with .485 and Orestes Minoso of the Chicago White Sox ninth with a .464. Doby hit 29 home runs, Minoso, 15.

CAMPANELLA'S —ALL - STARS playing in Memphis drew a reported crowd of 10,000. That was the same figure reported for the 1953 East vs West game in Chicago, a city with more than a half million Negroes. When one uses the word "reported" it means the exact attendance figures were never given. The figures handed to the public most times are exaggerated jones (not the truth). Anyhow, Memphis did as well if not better than great big Chicago.

Minoso was named on the United Press' All-Star team, chosen by a special committee of the Baseball Writers of America. Of course, this was an American league team.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT: The Atlanta Crackers have signed its first Negro player which was predicted by this columnist over a year ago . . . Curtis Roberts, second sacker for the Denver Bears, has been signed by the Pittsburgh Pirates. He was with the Kansas City Monarchs before moving up. Dick Washington is a half back on Notre Dame's "fighting Irish" eleven. He scored on H-Ho: A white high school has accepted an invite to play in the A.A. Since yours truly was the first commissioner of that body, we believe the public will agree that it would be a fine thing for the Association to find some way to drop the word "Negro." Believe Commissioner Parks will work to that end. Several white high school have been invited to participate at Lincoln university in Jefferson City, March 10-13. The body was formed 19 years ago . . . A total of 10 major league clubs now have Negro ball players . . . The National Boxing Association has ordered Archie Moore to defend his title REAL soon or vacate the light heavyweight championship . . . Johnny Bright former Drake star whose jaw was broken in a game in Oklahoma, is out for the season because of injuries. He is a half back on the Calgary, Canada team. John Henry Johnson, who played at St. Mary's in California and switched over to Temple State in Arizona when St. Mary's dropped football was the Pittsburgh Steelers No. 2 draft choice. He is now the ace ball toter for the Calgary Stampeders and is rated by his coach as being better than Tom Harmon or George MacAfee of the Bears . . . Remember Bill Bass, first with Kentucky State, then the Army and finally with Tennessee State where he received his degree only to bob up at Nevada long enough to play one season and thence to the Chicago Rockets. He is now with the Toronto team . . . Reece Jones is playing tackle for Lake Forest college in Illinois.

AT THIS WRITING three Negroes have attracted the attention of the nation's football fans. Bob Watkins, Ohio State back is leading the Big Ten scorers with Melvin "Mickey" Bates of Illinois in second place. Of course these figures change from week to week. Bates hails from Kewanee, Ill., and was a member of the Chicago Daily News' All-State prep eleven in 1951. He is out to beat the season's scoring record of 13 touchdowns held by Harold "Red" Grange, Johnny Karras and Buddy Young. He was on the second team against both Nebraska and Stanford but is now on the first eleven. J.C. (and his folks down in Carolina plastered those two initials on him but no names) Caroline is rated as the best back since Grange's time and may make the Illini fans forget Karras and Young. Bates and Caroline were the big guns against Ohio State. Caroline is fast and deceptive, he is hard to hit while Bates is best at line plunging. Caroline will streak off tackle or around ends for long gains. Bates will outscore Caroline most likely during the entire season because inside the five with a touchdown needed, Bates is the boy .His 200 pounds hits the line like a fregiht train. Bates averaged 5.4 yards in the first three games. He carried the ball 42 times for 230 yards but he scored six touchdowns. Caroline averaged more than seven yards per try but he has scored but three touchdowns.

The three major league players, above, are members of the Roy Campanella All Stars Caravan slated to play here at ... Friday night. Bill Bruton—Milwaukee Braves — This speed merchant from Wilmington, Dela., is rated one of the finest young prospects in baseball. Many experts regard him as the fastest man in the game today. In his first year out which Eau Clair in 1950 he stole 66 bases and was named the loop's rookie of the year. With Denver the following year he set a league mark of 27 triples and batted .303. Had a brilliant season with Milwaukee in 1952, topping the loop in base hits and runs scored. Larry Doby —Cleveland Indians—He led Indians in runs scored and slugging percentages for three straight years . . . was second only to Ted Williams in slugging percentage, who led the American League in home runs in 1952 . . . always a home threat when at the bat . . . has reputation for having hit some of the longest home runs ever in the American League . . . was All-State choice in football, basketball and baseball as high school athlete in New Jersey. Jim Pendleton — Milwaukee Braves—Jim came to the Braves along with Joe Adcock in the winter trade involving four clubs. Was one of the most highly regarded players in the Brooklyn organization. Broke into organized baseball with St. Paul in 1949 and played with that team until last season when he was moved to Montreal. Broke in as an outfielder but has also played shortstop. Possessed amazing speed and is considered one of the fastest men in baseball. Jim is a veteran of the War and makes his home in St. Louis. The Braves tried to obtain him a year ago but the trade never materialized. Attended Franklin High School. Tickets for this attraction are on sale at Gordon's, 1510 So. Hall St., Club 400, West Side Tavern, Negro News Bureau and Arrington's Barber Shop, W. Jeff Davis Ave.

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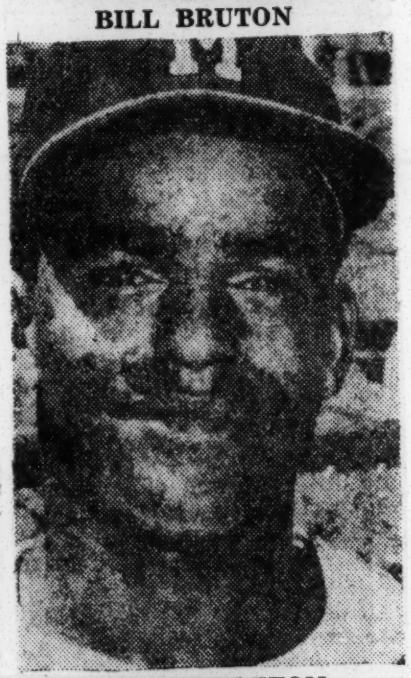

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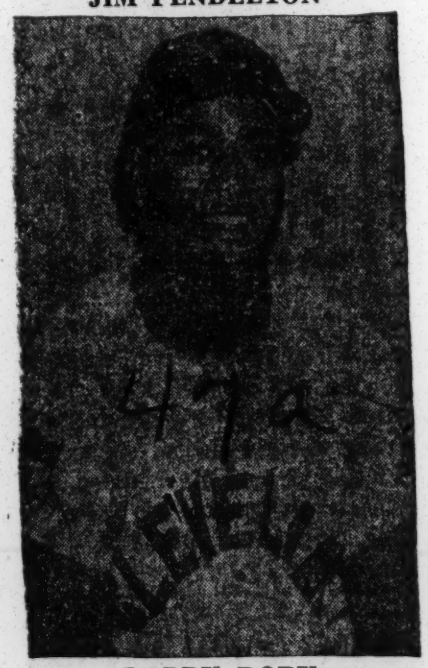

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Martin Is Hero

Yankees Win Series Fifth Time in a Row

By JIMMY BURNS
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NEW YORK—The outcome that most everyone had anticipated came a day early Monday, when the New York Yankees decisioned Brooklyn's Dodgers, 4 to 3, in the ninth inning at Yankee Stadium to win the current World Series, four games to two.

It was the same old story—the Yankees won again, but this time there was a new twist. The Yankees had become the first club in history to win the world's baseball championship five straight years. It was their 16th World Series victory, and the fourth time they had taken it all in six games.

Many of the howling 62,370 vacated their seats too soon, and had to scurry back to cheer a dramatic climax of a game which started off tamely, with the Yankees in full command.

Drama was introduced in the first of the ninth when Carl Furillo banged a two-run homer into the right field stands to tie the score at 3-3. That set the stage for Allie Reynolds, eighth-inning reliefer, to become the winning pitcher when Billy Martin singled home the winning run in the Yankees' half of the ninth with only one out.

Records were set in these incidents. Martin's 12 hits set a mark for six games, and tied the seven-game mark held by two other players. For Martin there was more satisfaction in the back slapping by his happy teammates.

For Reynolds, who took over for Whitey Ford at the start of the eighth, there was the satisfaction of matching Red Ruffing's record of seven World Series victories. The win was another feather in the cap of Manager Casey Stengel who senses situations before they become obvious to other observers.

Stengel felt that the despairing Dodgers were hitting too many lively balls off Ford. It was a dangerous move. If Reynolds had been battered out, the second guessers would have been after Stengel in full cry.

But the Yankees maintained their tradition. They win the important games, and seldom does some Yankee fail to measure up in a clutch.

For a week, Stengel, in interviews had slyly been plugging his boy Martin. He has sparked the Yankees with tight fielding, daring base running and timely hitting.

But Monday in full view of the 62,370 fans, Martin needed no press agentry to emphasize his value. He did it all by himself and as the victory celebration raged in the Yankee dressing room, Martin was the hero of his teammates, and the center of attraction for the photographers and reporters.

"I had a feeling, I was going to hit," Martin confessed. Then abashed over his remark, he hastened to ask, "don't write that I was cocky. Just say that I was confident."

The ninth inning became an inferno of excitement after thousands had started for the exits. The Yankees had leaped out front early, with two runs in the first inning, and another in the second.

They had protected this lead zealously until the sixth when Jackie Robinson doubled, stole third and scored on Roy Campanella's infield out.

Despite using Johnny Mize as a pinch-hitter in the eighth — probably his last appearance at the plate in the majors—the Yankees had failed to acquire an insurance run, or two, for any last revolt by the Dodgers.

The attempted revolt came after one was out in the ninth. Reynolds walked Duke Snider and with the count three and two, Furillo powered the score-tying homer into the fourth row of the right field stands. Stengel stuck with Reynolds, because when the chips are down there is no fiercer competitor.

Allie struck out the next two batters, and the Yankees had their chance to end it or all, or the game would go into extra innings. Hank Bauer worked Clem Labine, making his third relief appearance, for a walk. Yogi Berra flied out. Then Mickey Mantle set the stage for victory.

Mantle swung hard, but only topped the ball which bounded along the grass, halfway between the line and the mound. Labine came over to field the ball. He sensed that he could not handle it and yelled to the on-rushing Billy Cox to take over.

Cox tried hard, but the bounding ball plopped off his glove. The fleet-footed Mantle reached first ahead of the throw to be credited with a base hit. On an ordinary runner, Cox could probably have beat him to first with his throw, but this Mantle is faster than the wind.

Bauer had hustled on to second where he waited for something to happen. Action came on the second pitch which Martin drove into center field between a despairing Pee Wee Reese and the second base bag. Bauer streaked home and the game was over.

The 62,370 fans voiced a mighty roar. The whooping Yankees boiled out of their dugout to engulf Martin at second base. Then the pitchers and catcher who had inhabited the bull pen in right field came running to join in the jubilation. They ran faster than if the winner of the foot race was to get a bonus.

The celebrating continued for hours in the clubhouse where Stengel thanked his players, and volunteered, "that Brooklyn team was the best we've beaten in five years. The Dodgers are a good ball club. They were dangerous."

Records fell faster in this Series than the multiple flash bulbs used by the photographers. Furillo's homer was the 17th in this exciting series and broke last year's record set by the two clubs. Many of the records will be shortlived, but the Yankees feat of making it five in a row will be more permanent.

The Dodgers collected six hits off Ford, and two off Reynolds, but they could not get enough of them at the right times. The Dodgers clicked for three double plays, their only twin killings of the Series, but these did no more than delay the Yankees and the date with destiny.

The Dodgers were worthy champions of the National League, but like others before them they did not have the class, and the ability to handle the Yankees. It was not a great Series, the only really classy game being the third one in which Carl Erskine bested Vic Raschi in a pitching duel, 3 to 2.

In this all-important game — the one in which Brooklyn had to earn the right to one more shot at the Series championship — the Dodgers made three errors. These did not help their cause, nor their morale. In the first few innings the Dodgers seemed to be awed by the Yankees, and they were offering no more resistance than a condemned man being led to the death chamber.

Erskine, who was attempting the iron-man stunt of grabbing another victory for the Dodgers, got off to a bad start. He walked Gene Woodling, but recovered long enough to strike out Joe Collins. Then Bauer singled past third and Woodling stopped at second. Berra lined one into right field and it became an automatic double when the ball bounced into the stands, Woodling scoring.

Mantle walked and Bauer came home when Martin's grounder bounced off Junior Gilliam's glove. He was charged with an error. Cox started a life-saving double play on Gil McDougald's grounder.

The Yankees added a run in the second when Ford's poor base running may have cost him the chance to be in there at the finish and get credit for the victory. A more alert Ford could have scored and avoided the double play which dampened the Yankees' attack in that inning. If Ford had had a more confortable margin, Stengel would not have yanked him.

Phil Rizzuto, only Yankee to make an error in this Series, opened the second with a single to center. Ford's single on a hit and run advanced Rizzuto to third. He scored on Woodling's fly. Collins beat out a bunt to Erskine and continued to second when the latter threw wild to first, Ford halting at third.

Bauer walked to load the bases. Berra flied to Snider and Collins, running to third, was surprised to see that Ford had just left that bag. After the game it was explained that Ford had advanced off the bag and had to tag up after the catch. He claimed that Cox got in his way and screened him from seeing the catch made. Snider's throw resulted in a twin killing.

SPORTS OF THE WORLD

By Marion E. Jackson

Quite a few race-advancing sportsmen are dismayed by the fact the New York Yankees, playing in their 20th World Series, fifth in a row, world championship No. 16, and their seventh triumph over the Brooklyn Dodgers in the Autumnal classic won by a handy 4-2 margin. They see it as a setback for their hopes to crack the strictly Nordic roster of the Bronx Bombers with a Negro player. Many reason that the Yankees' strictly by habit victories in series competition will bolster their complex that only super-stars make the club roster. This is hardly so.

There are Negro players in the Yankee farm chain. A great deal of pressure had been directed at the club management to bring up one of two race players with the Kansas City club of the American Association. Civic, labor and fraternal pressure groups joined in the drive to make the Yankees modify its color policies. The club resisted all their efforts.

There was the added pressure of picketing of the ballpark and an organized boycott of the team in other cities. Yankee attendance might have been affected but team morale was never disorganized. The Yankee beat back every threat of the Cleveland Indians and the Chicago White Sox. The Yankees won by a 13 game margin, largest since Bucky Harris led the club to the finish line with a 12 game spread in 1947.

Add to this factor, the Yankees were able to beat the Dodgers by a 4-2 margin. This was insult to injury to race hopes since the Brooklyn team had extended the Yankees to seven games in 1947, 1949, and 1952. In the past series the victors jumped off to a 2-game edge, dropped 2 straight, then came back to win the series by sweeping the final two contests.

However, it is the worsee type of reasoning to tie up the Negro struggle for full equality in sports with policies of the New York Yankees. There have been tremendous racial gains in sports despite the fortress of jimcrow erected by the Yankees. More and more major league clubs have signed Negro players. Among them the Philadelphia, Detroit Tigers, Cincinnati Reds, Pittsburgh Pirates and the Chicago Cubs.

The remaining adherents to racial exclusiveness, the Philadelphia Phillies, Boston Red Sox and the Washington Senators have not been factors in world series play in recent years.

From 1947 through 1953, no major league club which employed Negro players throughout a full season finished outside first division. Boston (National League) and St. Louis (American League) broke the strong in 1952. St. Louis again in '53.

In only one season since 1946 and through 1952 there was a world series without Negro performers. That year was 1950, when the Philadelphia Phillies and New York Yankees were champions in the National League and American Leagues, respectively.

Discard the theory that baseball carries the color chip on its shoulder The Yankees were winning pennants long before 1947 when the Negro made his bow in series competition. The previous record of four consecutive pennants was set by John McGraw's New York Giants in 1921—33—23—24, equalled by Joe McCarthy's great Yankee club of 1936—37—38—39 and Casey Stengel's Yankees of 1949 50—51—52

Their conquest of a new mark for league pennants and world is a landmark for Stengel, wizened 63 year old master manipulator who came to the Yankees by the way of the Giants, Brooklyn and a host of second division ball club. It is not a baseball career that begun with Kankakee, Ill., in the old Northern League in 1940.

The future success of the Negro in baseball will not be affected by the arrogant policies of any ball club. The determining factor will be the success that the individual makes on the diamond. This trend was begun before the Yankees signed a single Negro player.

In 1947, Brooklyn used Jackie Robinson at first base; Dan Bankhead, went in as a pinch runner.

In 1948, Cleveland had Larry Doby in centerfield; Satchel Paige as a pitcher.

In 1949, Brooklyn had Jackie Robinson, second base; Roy Campanella, catcher; and Don New Combe, pitcher.

In 1951, New York Giants, Monte Irvin, leftfield; Willie Mays, centerfield; Hank Thompson, right field; Ray Noble, catcher pinch hitter.

In 1952, Brooklyn played Jackie Robinson, second baseman; Roy Campanella, catcher; Joe Black, pitcher; and Edmundo Amoros, pinch hitter-outfield.

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It is significant that the whole portrait of the Negro struggle was told via millions of words over radio, viewed and heard on television and talked and discussed by more millions in their clubs, homes, eating places, meeting halls, etc. It was simply that when baseball conversation dominated the livng theme these men were a part of the fortunes and the misfortunes of the game. They were singled out when they deserved distinction and new heroes were substituted when they lacked it. Their performance, excellence and competence will be the factors that will win in the total sports pattern. Living, 1953, will have it no other way.

Negro Stars Also Receive Bomber Bids

BY NAYLOR STONE
Post-Herald Sports Editor

Three of the Barons' stoutest batting guns of last Summer—Outfielders Emil Tellinger and Bill Virdon and Catcher Hal Smith—have been called up by the Yankees and will report to the parent club of the world's champions at St. Petersburg next Spring, it was announced yesterday.

They were three of eight players promoted in the Yankee organization.

By promoting the players to the parent club they cannot be drafted by Triple A or other major league clubs. Should any one of the trio, or all, fail to make it with the Yankees they'll likely be returned to the Barons next season.

Select Circle

All finished the 1953 season in the Southern Assn.'s select circle of hitters—Tellinger .316, Smith .311 and Virdon .317.

"I wish the boys well and would like to see them stick with the Yankees," Eddie Glennon, general manager of the Barons, said yesterday. "However, if they don't we certainly can use them."

Their Averages

Player —	G	AB	R	H
Tellinger	141	484	66	153
Smith	127	434	49	135
Virdon	42	164	27	52

Player—	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AV.
Tellinger	26	1	20	99	.316
Smith	24	2	3	61	.311
Virdon	7	2	3	14	.317

After a slow start Tellinger wound up one of the league's leading sluggers. His fielding was much improved in late weeks of the campaign. Smith, who made the Southern's all-star team, was rated by most of the experts as the best catcher in the league. Virdon got here just in time to play in 42 games. He was regarded one of the slickest fielders and best throwers in the league.

Called Up

The Yankees also called up Vic Power and Elston Howard, Negro stars, from their Kansas City farm club. Power and Howard will be the first Negroes ever to wear a Yankee uniform. Both will join the club at the Spring training camp in St. Petersburg next February.

Power, a strong righthanded hitter who plays the infield as well as the outfield, captured, the American Assn. batting title this past season with a .349 average. The 23-year-old boy, who played mostly in left field this season, also paced the circuit with 217 hits and 324 total bases.

Bats .286

Howard, a fleetfooted flychaser, batted .286 in 139 games and showed considerably less power than his hard-hitting teammate.

Others the Yankees called up from Kansas City are Pitchers Mel Wright and Wally Burnette and Catcher Lew Berberet.

At the same time, the Yankees sold Pitcher Harry Schaeffer and Third Baseman Frank Verdi to Kansas City.

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Senators Sign Scull As First Tan Player

Speedy Outfielder To Report To Washington Club's Camp

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

WASHINGTON

The Washington Senators will have a colored player with them when they open spring training next month.

According to President Clark Griffith, the Senators will break with precedent to take Angelo Scull, a speedy outfielder, to their Orlando (Fla.) base, when they report for pre-season drills on February 28.

First Tan Candidate

Scull thus will become the first tan candidate for the varsity in the long history of the club.

Twenty-one years of age, the Cuban - born flychaser was signed last week by Joe Cambria, the Senators' veteran emissary to the Latin countries. He is righthanded all the way, according to Griffith, but aside from this fact the venerable Washington owner knows very little about the new tan hopeful.

Information Scarce

As a matter of fact, information about Scull is of the most fragmentary nature. As soon as the writer learned of the acquisition of Washington's first colored aspirant, he contacted several persons who recently played in the Cuban League.

Joe Black, who led the Latin loop in pitching last winter, revealed Scull weighs "about 155 pounds," stands not more than 5 feet, seven inches, and "saw very little action" in 1952.

Pinch Runner

"The only time I saw him," declared Joe, "was in the role of a pinch runner. He went to bat once during my stay in Havana on our Christmas vacation, and that was in a game that was hopelessly lost by his team."

Roy Campanella did not remember Scull when he was questioned about the lad. Campy is considered one of the leading authorities on Cuban baseball because of his long service and frequent visits on the island.

Will Get Thorough Trial

Scull, Griffith tells the AFRO, "will be given a thorough trial at Orlando. and if he doesn't make it with us, he'll be farmed out to a Triple-A club."

Inasmuch as the Senators have no affiliate in the International League or American Association, it will mean that Washington will have to enter into a special agreement with one of the teams in the classification.

Delise To Charlotte

Acquisition of Scull brings the Senators' colored property to two players. A shortstop, Juan Delise, opened the 1952 season with Danville (Va.), a Washington farm in the Tri-State League.

He was thrown out of action, however, by a broken leg in the first month of the campaign, and finished the year on the hospital list.

At the time of the injury, Delise, who also is Cuban, was leading the club in every department.

"He," Griff told the writer, "will be promoted to Charlotte, and will train with that club at Winter Garden, Fla., reporting on March 20."

Negroes Debut In Sally Loop This Season

Savannah Signs Two, Others Watch Reaction

By MERCER BAILEY

ATLANTA, Feb. 5 (AP)—When Jacksonville and Savannah open the 50th anniversary season of the South Atlantic League April 14, there will be more than the usual amount of opening night hullabaloo.

Savannah, the home club, has two Negroes on its roster this year. The baseball game will mark the first time in history that a member of the staid old Sally has had a mixed team.

Many officials of the other seven class "A" league clubs have indicated they will watch closely Savannah's departure from tradition. Their action, and that of the fans, will determine whether, and how soon, other clubs drop racial barriers.

Sam Wolfson, head of the Jacksonville Tars, Savannah's opening night opponent, was asked about prospects of Negroes on his club. He replied that if the Boston Braves send down some Negro stars and orders the Tars to use them, "then I guess we'll have a mixed team."

Walt Campbell, business manager of Savannah's Indians, said the action puts the Sally "in step with organized baseball in general." He predicted it will be only a matter of time when all clubs will take advantage of this source of material."

At least 10 other leagues in the South already have launched the trend toward mixed teams and a survey indicated that more Negroes will be used on professional teams in Dixie this season than ever before.

Most club officials feel that the use of Negro stars will bolster attendance — and most minor leagues noted box office declines last season.

General Managers George Davis of Charleston and Tom Gordon of Macon said their clubs would watch the Savannah situation with interest. Davis said the matter has not come before his club management officially. Gordon said fan reaction would determine Macon's future policy.

Montgomery's President Truxton Northcutt would say only that if Negroes play for Savannah, "we'd have to play them, of course, or give up our franchise."

And Montgomery has a city ordinance prohibiting whites and Negroes from taking showers together or living in the same hotel.

President William McCarthy of the Columbia Reds, however, extended the welcome mat.

"The Columbia Reds have no objection to the Savannah club using Negro baseball players. We believe regardless of a person's race, religion or creed that if he can do the job he is entitled to play professional baseball. We will look upon a colored baseball player just as any other player."

Bob Tarleton, Augusta general manager, said he believes the use of Negroes in the Sally now is a sure thing.

None of the Columbus club officials who could be reached would comment on the matter.

The two players signed by Savannah are Al Israel, batting champion of the class "B" Inter-State League, purchased from Harrisburg, Pa., and fielder Fleming (Junior) Reedy, bought from Lincoln, Neb., in the Class "A" Western League.

"There's nearly as much speculation up here," the Cracker head laughed, "as there is down there. It's really going to be a hunt."

Crackers to Break Color Line?
Atlanta Gets 2 Negro Contracts

Mann Says Plans Indefinite, But Peeples and Brown Listed

By REX EDMONDSON

The 1954 Atlanta Crackers, under the direction of a mystery man not yet chosen, will open spring training procedure, either in Miami Beach or Kissimmee, with two Negro players under contract, President Earl Mann announced Saturday from New York.

Reached at his Manhattan ho-tel, Mann emphasized the fact that both the outfielder Nat Peeples and pitcher Winston Brown, while under contract to Atlanta now, most probably will not begin the season at Ponce de Leon.

"ATLANTA AND Toledo will train together," Mann explained, "and players from both squads will be selected before the final

Should they remain with the Crackers, Atlanta would become the first team in the history of the Southern Association with Ne-

gro players.

Simultaneous with the player news was the word that the Crackers would pick either Miami Beach, their 1953 site, or Kissimmee, Fla., for pre-season operations.

The contract of Peeples, who spent the 1953 season with Evansville in the Three-I League, was assigned to Atlanta by Milwaukee Friday. The 27-year-old Memphis native hit .329. Brown was purchased from Fort Lauderdale after the season ended, Mann said.

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IN NEW YORK for the World Series action, Mann disclosed no hints on the progress of his man-agerial search.

Will Robinson, Courier sports writer, snapped as he interviewed Charlie Gehringer, general manager of the Detroit Tigers baseball team.

But Charlie Gehringer Insists 'Color Line' in Big Leagues 'Thing of the Past'

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By WILL ROBINSON

DETROIT—Charlie Gehringer, general manager of the Detroit Baseball Club, reaffirmed the statement he made last year when queried recently about the Tigers using Negro ball players—that is: No color-line exists insofar as the Bengals are concerned. The baseball immortal and member of its Hall of Fame emphatically stated that the Motor City entry in the American League are looking for players irrespective of color.

After finishing a dismal last in the pennant race last season, the general manager says they have gone all-out to sign any player who they feel will help the team win ball games. However, the affable and youngish-looking baseball executive is of the opinion that the only Negro players that would be of any help to the club at this time would be an established star like Larry Doby.

It will be recalled that last season the Tigers made an effort to obtain the services of Doby from Cleveland, but could not get together on the price with the Indians' front office.

The former effortless second baseman claims that Detroit has been looking over prospective tan diamond hopefuls ever since he has been handling the top spot in the Tiger organization. He is starting his second full season at the helm. Asked if he had discussed the policy of hiring Negro ball players with Walter (Spike) Briggs, president and successor to his dad, Walter O. Briggs, who died last year, he answered yes. The young owner told him to go ahead, but to get a good one. The thinking at Briggs Stadium, home of the Tigers, is that they draw well enough without exploiting the Negro for gate appeal.

Consequently, they will not sign anybody regardless of race, creed or color unless they sincerely feel that the player can be of some help towards winning games.

From time to time Negro players have been recommended to them by their scouts and other interested parties and Detroit has brought them in for workouts at the Stadium. However, none have been signed thus far because they did not meet the required specifications.

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At the present time Detroit has several promising tan prospects on their card file of promising players. Namely, Don Eaddy, third baseman, at the University of Michigan, and Jim Turner, shortstop, at Michigan State. Pittsburgh Pa.

Harold (Muddy) Ruel, director of Detroit's farm system, is also high in his esteem of Negro ball players. He reasons that conditions play a big factor in who they sign. By that he indicated that he was not referring to nationality or race, but to the needs of the team at the time without regard to anything else. It is a foregone conclusion among the Tiger officials that they will sign a Negro player. However, they reason, the day of picking up one at a bargain is past and hence will have to develop one up through their farm system.

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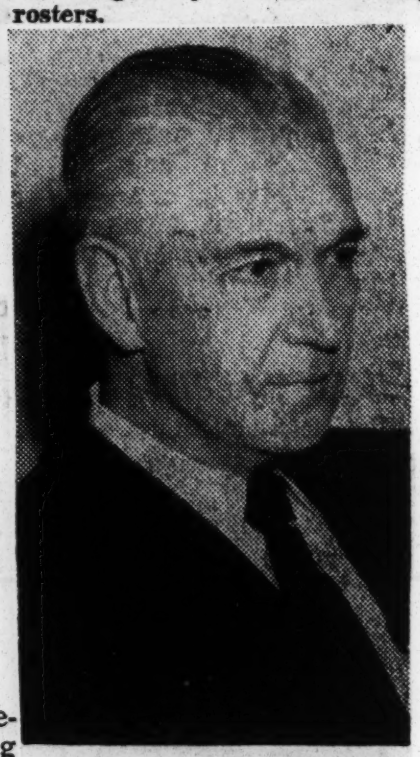
As we concluded the interview, Gehringer disclosed the fact that Negro ball players are in the majors to stay and before long every club in both leagues will have them on their rosters.



Harold (Muddy) Ruel, director of Detroit Tigers farm system, whose men have been instructed to look for Neg talent. They're having dif culty finding the kind of the Tigers want.

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Wendell Smith's SPORTS BEAT

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Baseball's Paying Off Well for Past Sins . . .

Negro players were barred from big league baseball for something like sixty-eight years. Such great stars as Oscar Charleston, Smoky Joe Williams, John Henry Lloyd, Joe Redding, Mule Suttles, Willie Wells, Josh Gibson and hundreds of others were victimized by the vicious policy, or "understanding," which forbid the employment of Negroes.

Despite the fact that they loved the game, the average, fair-minded American, who inherently believes that a man should be permitted to progress in his chosen field as far as he is capable of advancing, was constantly irritated by the blockade against Negroes.

Throughout the years that the ban existed there was constant agitation for its elimination. As far back as 1888, twelve years after the National League was organized, the Detroit Plaindealer was fighting for the rights of Negro players. In demanding that the Negro be given a chance in the majors, the now defunct Plaindealer said:

"Since Afro-Americans can and do play a stiff game, and hundreds of their race give substantial support to the National League, this, it seems to us, would be but fair and right."

The battle was long and often bitter, but in 1947 came to a successful conclusion with the admittance of Jackie Robinson.

Since then Negro players have profited handsomely. Whereas the majors at one time offered the Negro player absolutely nothing, they now offer him riches, fame and security. They have not only thrown the doors open but, also, the cash box. The total salaries paid Negroes in organized baseball today approximates a million dollars.

They Deserve All They Are Getting Now . . .

The best way to determine the progress of the Negro player in organized baseball is to evaluate the amount of money he is making. In 1946, for example, there were five Negro players in organized baseball, Robinson, Johnny Wright, Don Newcombe, Roy Campanella and Roy Partlow. All five were with Brooklyn Dodger farm clubs. Their combined salaries amounted to $11,310. Here is what they were paid individually: Robinson, $3,600; Partlow, $2,400; Wright, $2,100; Newcombe, $2,100; Campanella $1,110.

Four of the five went into organized baseball at a financial sacrifice. Robinson, playing at Montreal for $600 a month, realized a small profit. He had been making $500 per month at Kansas City. The others, however, had been making from $500 to $600 per month in Negro baseball. They made the financial sacrifice, however, because they realized there was no future in Negro baseball.

Since that time, Robinson, Campanella and Newcombe have reaped a financial harvest. Wright and Partlow, both pitchers, have passed from the scene. Most of the other Negro players who came behind those pioneers have also enjoyed prosperity.

Whatever they are getting they deserve, of course. But the fact remains that the Negro player has come a long, long way in the short span of seven years.

The figures indicate that the tide turned from one extreme to the other in the case of the Negro player. There was a time when he had difficulty buying a ticket to get into a major league park. He was treated as though he carried some kind of plague. Everyone connected with the big leagues in an official capacity took for the hills at the mere suggestion of a Negro player's name.

But today, the only people taking to the hills are the talent-conscious scouts of the majors. They take to the hills, valleys and hinterlands in quest of Negro players who have big league possibilities.

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They've Hit Major League Jackpot . . .

The difference in the salaries of the top five Negro players in organized baseball today and the top five seven years ago is so striking it is almost fantastic.

The combined salaries of the top five in 1947 amounted to $11,310. The individual salaries of the top five today more than doubles that. Here, for example, is a reasonable estimate of what the five top Negro players are getting today:

Jackie Robinson (Brooklyn Dodgers)	$38,000
Roy Campanella (Brooklyn Dodgers)	$25,000
Monty Irvin (N. Y. Giants)	$25,000
Larry Doby (Cleveland Indians)	$25,000
Satchel Paige (St. Louis Browns)	$25,000
Total	**$138,000**

Here, too, is an estimate of the salaries of six other top-ranking regular Negro players in the majors today, all of whom are making more individually than the original five made combined in 1946:

Luke Easter (Cleveland Indians)	$20,000
Joe Black (Brooklyn Dodgers)	$18,000
Minnie Minoso (Chicago White Sox)	$15,000
Sam Jethroe (Boston Braves)	$15,000
Henry Thompson (N. Y. Giants)	$15,000
Harry Simpson (Cleveland Indians)	$12,000
Total	**$95,000**

The total salaries of those top eleven Negro players amounts to $233,000. Add an estimated $20,000 for Don Newcombe and another $12,000 for Willie Mays, both of whom are in the service, and the grand total is $265,000, or better than a quarter million dollars.

Those figures are based solely on money paid to regular players.

They do not include salaries of reserve or part-time players like Hector Rodriquez, Dave Pope, Edmundo Amoros or those who came up for a brief period and then returned to the minors.

Obviously, the Negro player has been making giant strides on the field and in the direction of the bank since he arrived in 1947.

In this instance, baseball is fast atoning for its past sins.

Two Negroes Join Nats At Orlando Base Today

By Shirley Povich
Post Reporter

ORLANDO, Fla., Feb. 21.—Clark Griffith broke with precedent today and announced that Negro ball players would be in Washington uniforms for the first time in history in spring training here.

Angel Scull and Juan Visturer, a pair of colored outfielders from Cuba who belong to the Nats' farm teams, will report to the Washington camp for inspection on Wednesday. "And we'll take a long look at them," said Owner Griffith.

The Nats' owner declared he was intent on keeping his promise to Washington colored fans that "I will sign a Negro ball player just as soon as we can find one who can play in the big leagues."

The two Cubans are not on the Nats' roster as yet, Scull belonging to Chattanooga and Visturer to Charlotte, and their transfer to the Washington camp was partly an expedient to defeat segregation problems in Florida.

Chattanooga and Charlotte operate combined training camp at Winter Garden but are unable to train colored ball players there. A town ordinance strictly prohibits occupation of the same field by white and colored players, and the town fathers are refusing to make any concession to the ball clubs. Orlando has no such segregation law.

Mr. Griffith declared, however, that "We welcome the opportunity to look over these colored boys and the opportunity for them to make themselves a job with us is wide open. All they have to show us is that they can play big league ball, and they'll be signed to Washington contracts."

Originally, the Nats had planned to bring in four Negro ball players from Havana, Juan Delise, a shortstop, and Louis Morales, a second baseman who played with Danville in the Carolina League last year. Farm Manager Ossie Bluege has arranged for that pair to train in Cuba, however.

Scull, a diminutive, right-handed hitter, is reputed to be the fastest ball player in Cuba and has consistently beaten Orestes Minoso of the White Sox, in match sprints. He stole 60 bases with Wellsville, N. Y., in the Pony League in 1951, batting .329. Playing with Key West and Havana in the Florida International League last year, he hit .278 and stole 51 bases. Pittsburgh offered the Nats $8000 for him this winter.

Visturer is a 6-foot 20-year-old weighing 185. He bats left handed. He was with Big Spring in the Long Horn League in 1952, batting .321 and hitting 12 homers.

They will be housed in quarters apart from the other Washington players during their stay here. Scull is on the Chattanooga roster, and if he fails to make good with the Nats will be optioned to Charleston, W. Va., of the Triple A American Association for more seasoning.

Visturer is technically the property of Chattanooga, but if he fails to impress the Nats, will be optioned to Charlotte where he will be cast as the medium for breaking the color barrier in the Tri-State League. Other clubs in that circuit are resisting the invasion of Negro players, but Mr. Griffith declared "Negro ball players are in organized baseball to stay."

Delise, however, is the colored player regarded as having the best chance to crash the Washington lineup. He was batting .400 at Danville last year before suffering a broken ankle that kept him out of the lineup for months. A 6-1, 180-pounder, Delise hit eight straight balls over the left field fence at Tinker Field in batting practice last year while working out with the Orlando team.

Both Griffith and Manager Bucky Harris were impressed with Delise's possibilities, and declared he might make good either as a shortstop or an outfielder. "We liked his speed," said Griffith, "and when we asked him how fast he could run, he said if we would let him take his shoes off he'd really show us some speed."

Fort Jim Crow-Encircled

Biased Southern Association Surrounded By Liberal Loops

By MARION JACKSON

ATLANTA — North, East, South and West, the Southern association is slowly becoming walled in by Jim Crow.

You see this in Negro players being integrated into the South Atlantic, Florida International, Texas, Tri-States, Piedmont, Kitty and Carolina leagues. Yet, despite television and shrinking spending income for pleasure, eight of the South's largest cities have failed to arouse the democratic impulses of Atlanta, Birmingham, Chattanooga, Memphis, Mobile, Nashville, New Orleans and Little Rock.

LEAGUE BANS DEMOCRACY

Baseball's No. 1 question is just when will the Southern association break out of its encirclement of racial bigotry and make democracy work.

A survey of Southern association owners reveals an expressed willingness to accept Negro players throughout the loop except in Birmingham and Memphis.

An ordinance adopted by the Birmingham City commission following attempts to play Lem Ford in the defunct Charity professional football bowl bars mixed competition in that city. Commissioner of public safety Eugene (Bull) Connor has repeatedly blocked all efforts to bypass the law.

In Memphis, the Crump machine, through its entertainment blocked efforts at integrated play.

The attitude of these cities has been a formidable barrier to efforts to hire Negro players elsewhere.

ENCIRCLEMENT COMPLETED

When the Jacksonville Braves signed Henry Aaron, Felix Mantilla, Isabela, Puerto Rico, shortstop, and Horace Garner, Norfolk, Va., the encirclement of the Southern association was complete. For the Savannah Indians had already set the stage for hiring Negro players by inking Flemming Reedy and Al Isreal.

The Dallas Eagles of the Texas league broke the color line by signing Dave Hoskins and Jose Santiago. Since the Eagles took the initiative Negro players have been signed in San Antonio, Tulsa, Oklahoma City, etc.

Biggest crowd-getter last season for Oklahoma City was Bill Greason. Hoskins and Santiago packed 'em through the turnstiles in Dallas.

BIASED WALL BREACHED

Wedges are being driven into the Southern association's ironclad Jim Crow. Charles Harmon played in the lineup of Tulsa Oilers against the New Orleans Pelicans.

In Birmingham, Negroes have been partitioned in a separate grandstand, complete with ticket seller. A public relations man works on behalf of race attendance.

Atlanta opened up a portion of the grandstands to race patrons in a frantic gesture at the pleasure dollar. For several years grandstands have been opened to Negroes in Chattanooga, Nashville and Little Rock.

Mobile, long regarded as the breaking point against Southern association Jim Crow, was stabbed in the back by writers traveling with the Brooklyn Dodgers and Milwaukee Braves who accused the epithet-calling city of being the most prejudiced in the South.

Race Law Kept In Birmingham

Group Protests Repeal Of Mixed Game Statute

BIRMINGHAM, Sept. 22 (AP)—Two Birmingham city commissioners today left on the statute books a law which prohibits whites and Negroes from playing together at sports events.

Mayor James W. Morgan had announced the measure would be repealed at this morning's regular commission meeting, but it wasn't brought up. About 90 persons were on hand to protest the proposed action.

The step was planned so Birmingham could play the Texas League play-off champion in the Dixie Series. Dallas and Tulsa, the two finalists, both have Negro players on their roster.

Nashville defeated Birmingham last night for the Southern Association playoff berth, and opens against the winning Dallas club tomorrow.

Morgan said he had no comment on the fact the measure wasn't acted upon today. "The Barons lost out," he added. "As I see it, there is nothing before us now."

The two-year-old ordinance not only bans whites and Negroes from playing together in sports events, it makes it illegal for a white and a Negro to play cards, dice, dominoes or checkers together in public.

Participants in mixed games or owners or employes of a public place who permit such competition are subject to a maximum fine of $100 and court costs and a six-month jail sentence.

The ordinance was adopted to prevent a football game between two teams that included whites and Negroes in their lineups. Later it was invoked to keep two white members of a Negro baseball team from appearing with the club in an exhibition game here.

Morgan said in his statement last Thursday that he and Lindbergh had been informed by legal authorities that the sports segregational ordinance was unconstitutional.

He added that he felt repeal of this section of the city's segregation statutes "will be in keeping with the attitude of citizens throughout the South, Southeast, and Southwest."

He pointed out that Negroes now play on professional baseball teams in numerous cities of the South, including Montgomery, "The Cradle of the Confederacy."

Morgan and Commissioner Robert E. Lindbergh, who had concurred in the planned elimination of the ordinance, are a majority of the three-member city commission.

Police Commissioner Eugene Connor, an outspoken advocate of white supremacy, who rigidly enforces Birmingham and state segregation laws, has been out of the city since the question was raised.

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Yanks sign young Black Baron ace

The New York Yankees came up with their second prize baseball prospect in 24 hours when last night Scout William (Dizzy) Dismukes signed Bessemer's 17-year-old Don Johnson, a Birmingham Black Baron pitcher to an Olean, N. Y., contract.

Olean is a Yank farm club in the Class D Pony League. No contract terms were divulged.

Monday night the Yankees landed Marshall Gilbert, 18-year-old ex-Woodlawn High first baseman. He was assigned to Owensboro, Ky. in the Class D Kitty League.

Johnson has been sensational with the Black Barons this year. A righthander, he has won 12 games against Negro American League clubs without loss.

HE IS REGARDED as the brightest prospect to leave the Negro league since Outfielder Willie Mays went away to the New York Giants in 1950.

Dismukes, the Yankee scout who is assigned to cover Negro baseball, said of Johnson:

"For a youngster of 17, Johnson is one of the best prospects I've seen in years. I like his coolness, his poise. He showed me a world of natural stuff and he's got style, class."

Dismukes was one of the most famous Negro pitchers himself during the era before and just after World War I. After retiring from playing baseball in 1926, Dismukes has been a manager and general manager of Negro baseball teams since, mostly with the Kansas City Monarchs.

It was he who signed Jackie Robinson to his first baseball contract.

JOHNSON IS slightly upwards of six-two and weighs 178. His best pitch is a fast ball though it isn't the blistering type. His curve is fair and his change-up is excellent. He also throws a knuckler on rare occasions.

No records are available on his earned-run average but no team had scored as many as three runs on him until Sunday when the Negro world champions got that many on him with a two-run rally in the ninth after he had thrown two-hit ball until that point.

Johnson was graduated from Brighton High School last week. He wasn't eligible to be signed by organized baseball until that date of graduation.

He is the sixth Negro to be signed by the world champions' organization. Two of the other five are with Kansas City, Elston Howard and Vic Power. The other three are with lower clubs.

Don Johnson

Black Barons drub Clowns again

PULASKI, Tenn., June 3—The Birmingham Black Barons continued to flail the Indianapolis Clowns, Negro world champs, in their current series.

The Black Barons stopped here and drubbed the Clowns, 18-10.

It was a wild game, as the score indicates. The Black Barons jumped to a 6-0, first-inning lead and then the Clowns crawled back to an 8-7 deficit before the Black Barons unloaded a seven-spot inning on them in the sixth.

Minski Cartledge, the winning pitcher, also hit a home run with two on. Verdi Drake homered for Indianapolis with one on.

Score by innings:

Indianapolis ....032 202 100—10
Birmingham .....602 007 3x—18

Garcia, Smith and Sands; Wright, Cartledge and Bailey.

Baseball Registry

Following are players to be found in the ranks of organized baseball:

MAJOR LEAGUES

—American—

CHICAGO White Sox — Orestes Minoso, outfielder; Bob Boyd, utility; Connie Johnson, pitcher.

CLEVELAND Indians — Larry Doby, Harry Simpson, outfielders; Luke Easter, infielder; Dave Hoskins, pitcher.

ST. LOUIS Browns — Satchel Paige, pitcher.

—National—

BROOKLYN Dodgers — Jackie Robinson, Junior Gilliam, infielders; Roy Campanella, catcher; Joe Black, pitcher.

MILWAUKEE Braves — Bill Bruton, Jim Pendleton, outfielders; George Crowe, infielder.

NEW YORK Giants — Monte Irvin, outfielder; Hank Thompson, outfielder - infielder; Ruben Gomez, pitcher.

MINOR LEAGUES

International

MONTREAL Royals — Edmundo Amoros, outfielder; Umberto Fernandez, infielder.

SYRACUSE Chiefs — Hector Rodriguez, infielder; Mel Williams, outfielder.

American Association

CHARLESTON Senators — Angel Scull, outfielder; Bill Powell, pitcher.

INDIANAPOLIS Indians — Al Smith, infielder - outfielder; Dave Pope, outfielder; Sam Jones, pitcher.

KANSAS CITY Blues — Vic Power, outfielder.

MINNEAPOLIS Millers — Ray Noble, catcher; Blasco Ibanez infielder.

ST. PAUL Saints — Bob Wilson, infielder; Roy Howard, infielder - outfielder.

TOLEDO Sox — Sam Jethroe, Luis Marquez, outfielders.

Tabbin' the Stars

MAJOR LEAGUES

BATTING

Player and Club	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	Pct.
Luke Easter, Indians	4	13	2	5	1	0	0	5	0	.385
Jackie Robinson, Dodgers	56	198	46	67	15	3	4	36	6	.338
Monte Irvin, Giants	54	206	32	65	5	2	11	41	0	.316
Hank Thompson, Giants	38	116	25	36	3	3	10	24	0	.310
Ray Noble, Giants	17	40	9	12	0	1	2	7	1	.300
Minnie Minoso, White Sox	57	194	44	58	9	4	1	25	12	.299
Roy Campanella, Dodgers	55	196	43	58	8	1	18	59	3	.296
Jim Pendleton, Braves	38	37	17	11	0	1	1	6	1	.289
Harry Simpson, Indians	38	122	16	34	3	1	5	12	0	.279
Bill Bruton, Braves	57	240	33	64	9	6	1	23	12	.267
Junior Gilliam, Dodgers	57	231	46	60	8	4	3	24	8	.260
Larry Doby, Indians	54	192	26	47	7	1	9	32	1	.245

PITCHING

Pitcher and Club	G	IP	H	BB	SO	C.G.	SH.G.	W	L	Pct.
Dave Hoskins, Indians	8	27	26	16	15	0	0	3	1	.750
Joe Black, Dodgers	19	44	44	18	24	0	0	5	2	.714
Ruben Gomez, Giants	7	41	42	34	25	1	0	2	3	.400
Satchel Paige, Browns	28	49	40	18	23	0	0	1	3	.250

MINOR LEAGUES

International League

BATTING

Player and Club	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Pct.
Edmundo Amoros, Montreal	53	201	34	59	6	33	.294
Hector Rodriguez, Syracuse	52	189	36	54	2	23	.286
Umberto Fernandez, Montreal	49	164	13	41	1	8	.250

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

BATTING

	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Pct.
Vic Power, Kansas City	250	52	94	19	4	4	50	.376
Bob Boyd, Charleston	140	28	48	4	5	2	18	.343
Bob Wilson, St. Paul	223	35	72	10	1	7	38	.323
Luis Marquez, Toledo	159	24	49	8	0	5	29	.308
Al Smith, Indianapolis	228	51	68	16	4	14	55	.298
Sam Jethroe, Toledo	214	60	62	8	3	11	25	.290
Dave Pope, Indianapolis	246	43	70	13	6	9	34	.285
Amado Ibanez, Minneapolis	125	15	37	7	3	1	17	.296
Elston Howard, Kansas City	212	24	63	8	7	6	33	.297
Angel Seull, Charleston	197	32	49	4	1	1	17	.249

PITCHING

	W	L	IP	R	H	BB	SO
Bill Powell, Charleston	2	1	70	37	67	31	36

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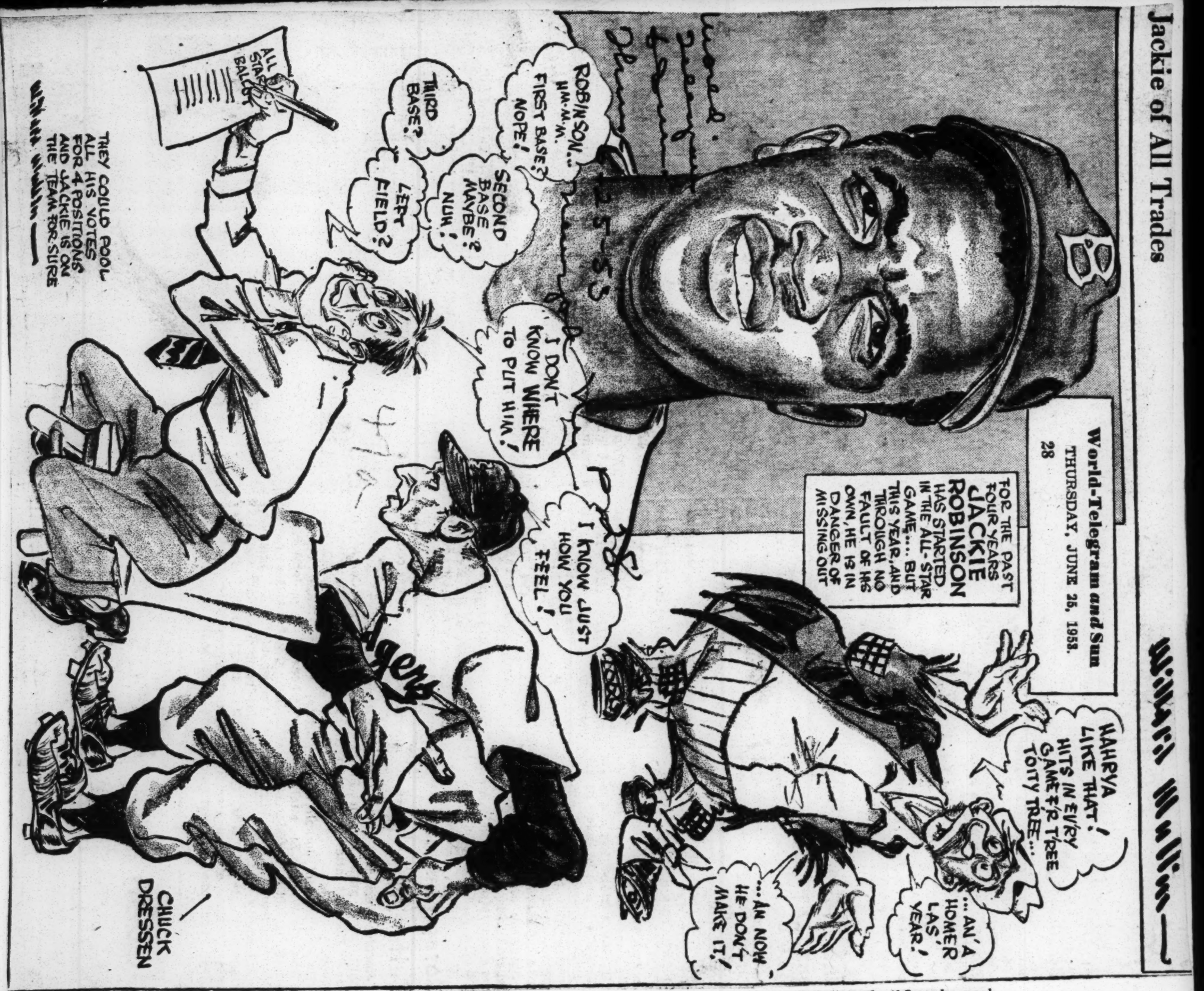

Birmingham Out of Series; Ban Holds

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—City officials here Tuesday, Sept. 22, backed down on their announced plan to modify Birmingham's sports segregation ordinance 798-F so that Negro and white ballplayers could lawfully compete with and against each other.

Mayor James W. Morgan had said in a prepared statement Sept. 17 that he and Associate Commissioner Robert S. Lindbergh would vote to amend the law. At that time, Birmingham was in the Southern League playoff with the possibility of winning and being thrown in competition with Dallas of the Texas League which has Negro players.

Birmingham lost the playoff to Nashville Monday night, Sept. 21, at Rickwood Field here. Mayor Morgan did even bring the proposal up for consideration the next day and issued not one word of comment.

However, a spot paid advertisement announcement by the Civic Protection Committee was heard Monday and Monday night on several local radio stations urging citizens to appear at City Hall to protest the change. The protesting group which appeared was estimated by one source as ninety and by another as 150.

Public Safety Commissioner Eugene (Bull) Connor who sponsored the three-year old jim-crow sports law (adopted Sept. 21, 1950), was away from the city on vacation. Mayor Morgan and Cooper Green, who resigned the Mayorship, both voted to adopt Ordinance 798-F. Mr. Connor did not stand for re-election.

Both the Birmingham News and the Birmingham Post-Herald had given editorial support to the proposed modification.

The News said Sept. 19: "We do not believe the participation of Negro players in such a game would conflict with the interests of the community or have untoward consequences. Such participation occurs in a number of the Southern cities . . . The sensible thing to do is to repeal it (Ordinance 798-F).

Said the Post-Herald: "In deciding to repeal a city ordinance which bars athletic contests between teams composed of both white and Negro players the City Commission took the only realistic course open to it."

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Jackie Robinson, Minoso High In Early Balloting

Brooklyn Dodger, Chicago White Sox Stars Hold Own Despite Being Shifted Into New Positions

By SAM LACY

CHICAGO — Roy Campanella, who has not missed an inning of play in the Major League All-Star Game since the third frame of the 1950 contest, is once again riding atop the National League catchers as the first week of balloting in the 1953 classic comes to an end.

The Brooklyn Dodger ace, pulling 691 of the first 703 votes cast at the AFRO polling place, was leading Del Crandall, white Milwaukee Braves receiver, by over 2,000 as of Sunday morning.

In Since 1950

Campy relieved Andy Seminick, then of the Philadelphia Phillies, in the fourth inning of the 1950 game at Ebbets Field, and has not been out of the NL lineup since. Each year he was voted top catcher in his loop and no NL manager has seen fit to lift him.

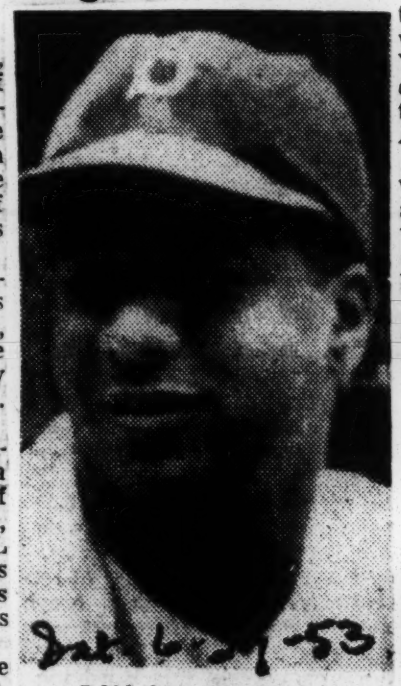
In the week end returns, the slugging Flatbusher was boasting a total of 30,723 points, with Crandall, of the red hot Braves, in the runner-up slot with 28,115. Del Rice, of the St. Louis Cardinals, was third with 19,294.

Most startling aspect of the early voting, perhaps, was the high positions maintained by Jackie Robinson and Orestes (Minnie) Minoso in the early returns.

Running Second

Both are running second in the balloting for the left field assignments in their respective leagues, despite the fact they have been shifted to other positions on frequent occasions during the two months of play.

Robinson, at the moment, is slightly behind Ralph Kiner, of the Cubs, but leading the redoubtable Stan Musial, of the Cards, for the National League berth in left. This, in spite of having played three different positions with the Dodgers this year. Although he has been given votes at first base and third base—even at second where he is best known but has not appeared at all this season — the brilliant Brook collected enough leftfield points to amass a total of 30,603. Kiner had 33,494 and Musial 28,117.



ROY CAMPANELLA

Switched About

Minoso, like Robinson, has been switched about by his manager, Paul Richards. Since the schedule got under way in mid-April, the White Sox dependable has been employed in left, center and right field, and at third base.

Minnie on Sunday, was carrying a total of 29,881 votes, fewer than 3,000 less than leading Gus Zernial, of the Philadelphia Athletics.

Conspicious by their absence from the top point-getters this year are Larry Doby, 1952 American League homer champion; Luke Easter, runner-up to Doby in the AL homer derby last year; Monte Irvin, slugging leftfielder of the New York Giants.

Doby, Easter Out

Doby, picking up 311 votes in the AFRO balloting, is running well behind the New York Yankees' Mickey Mantle, Chicago's Jim Rivera and Washington Senators' Jim Busby for the AL center pasture.

Easter, out since early April with a broken foot, can't expect support in the AL race, and Irvin, still not completely recovered from his broken ankle of 1952, also is willing to take a back seat.

ORESTES MINOSO

Inasmuch as the pitchers are selected by the managers of the respective teams, the week before the July 14 date, Satchel Paige and Dave Hoskins, in the AL, and Ruben Gomez, in the NL, won't be found in the vote-drawing columns.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

FIRST BASE — Vernon, Washington, 33,106; E. Robinson, Philadelphia, 31,944; Fain, Chicago, 27,418.

SECOND BASE — Fox, Chicago, 31,886; Avila, Cleveland, 29,134; Martin, New York, 20,707; Goodman, Boston, 17,152; Terwillinger, Washington, 9,304.

THIRD BASE—Rosen, Cleveland, 31,164; Kell, Boston, 24,551; Suder, Philadelphia, 23,808; McDougald, New York, 16,299; Yost, Washington, 10,337.

SHORTSTOP—Carrasquel, Chicago, 32,816; Rizzuto, New York, 29,338; Joost, Philadelphia, 15,192.

LEFTFIELD — Zernial, Philadelphia, 32,072; Minoso, Chicago, 29,881; Woodling, New York, 21,646; Mitchell, Cleveland, 15,129; Vollmer, Washington, 11,356.

CENTERFIELD—Mantle, New York, 39,122; Rivera, Chicago, 24,317; Busby, Washington, 19,634.

RIGHTFIELD—Baur, New York, 31,411; Mele, Chicago, 26,192; Nieman, Detroit, 17,382; Jensen, Washington, 15,209.

CATCHER — Berra, New York, 35,116; Lollar, Chicago, 26,399; White, Boston, 18,737.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

FIRST BASE—Hodges, Brooklyn, 32,714; Kluszewski, Cincinnati, 28,305; Fondy, Chicago, 19,192.

SECOND BASE—Schoendienst, St. Louis, 37,092; Miksis, Chicago, 24,216; Dittmer, Milwaukee, 20,384.

THIRD BASE—Mathews, Milwaukee, 36,512;; Jackson, Chicago, 20,004; Adams, Cincinnati, 18,994.

SHORTSTOP — Reese, Brooklyn, 30,984 Hammer, Philadelphia, 28,112 Dark, New York, 19,274.

LEFTFIELD—Kiner, Chicago, 33,494 J. Robinson, Brooklyn, 30,603 Musial, St. Louis, 28,117.

CENTERFIELD—Snider, Brooklyn, 31,553 Ashburn, Philadelphia, 28,109 Bell, Cincinnati, 21,418.

RIGHTFIELD — Sauer, Chicago, 32,919; Pafko, Milwaukee, 28,303; Slaughter, St. Louis, 21,086.

CATCHER—Campanella, Brooklyn, 30,723 Crandall, Milwaukee, 28,115 D. Rice, St. Louis, 19,294

Major League Baseball

Wednesday, July 1, 1953

National League

LAST NIGHT'S GAMES

Pittsburgh 3, New York 1.
Philadelphia at Brooklyn.
Chicago at St. Louis.
Cincinnati 6, Milwaukee 3 (1st)
Milwaukee at Cincinnati (2d).

STANDING OF THE CLUBS

(Standing includes first Milwaukee-Cincinnati game.)

	Brooklyn	Milwaukee	St. Louis	Philadel.	New York	Cincinnati	Chicago	Pittsburgh	Won	Lost	Percentage	Games Behind
Bklyn..	—	7	4	5	5	8	5	8	42	25	.627	—
Milw...	3	—	3	8	8	6	7	6	41	27	.603	1½
St. L...	5	3	—	6	6	7	4	9	40	28	.588	2½
Phila...	4	2	5	—	3	5	11	6	36	27	.571	4
N. Y....	4	4	5	1	—	7	7	6	34	32	.515	7½
Cinc....	5	3	4	4	3	—	2	9	30	37	.448	12
Chic....	4	3	4	0	3	2	—	6	22	43	.338	19
Pitts...	0	5	3	3	4	2	7	—	24	50	.324	21½
Lost....	25	27	28	27	32	37	43	50	—	—		

TODAY'S PROBABLE PITCHERS

Pittsburgh at New York (1:30 P. M.)—Lindell (3-9) vs Maglie (5-4).
Philadelphia at Brooklyn (8 P. M.)—Roberts (12-5) vs. Loes (10-4).
Chicago at St. Louis (night)—Hacker (4-10) vs. Staley (11-2).
Milwaukee at Cincinnati—Spahn (8-3) vs. Kelly (1-1).

American League

LAST NIGHT'S GAMES

Boston 5, New York 4.
Cleveland at Detroit.
St. Louis at Chicago.
Washington 3, Philadelphia 0.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS

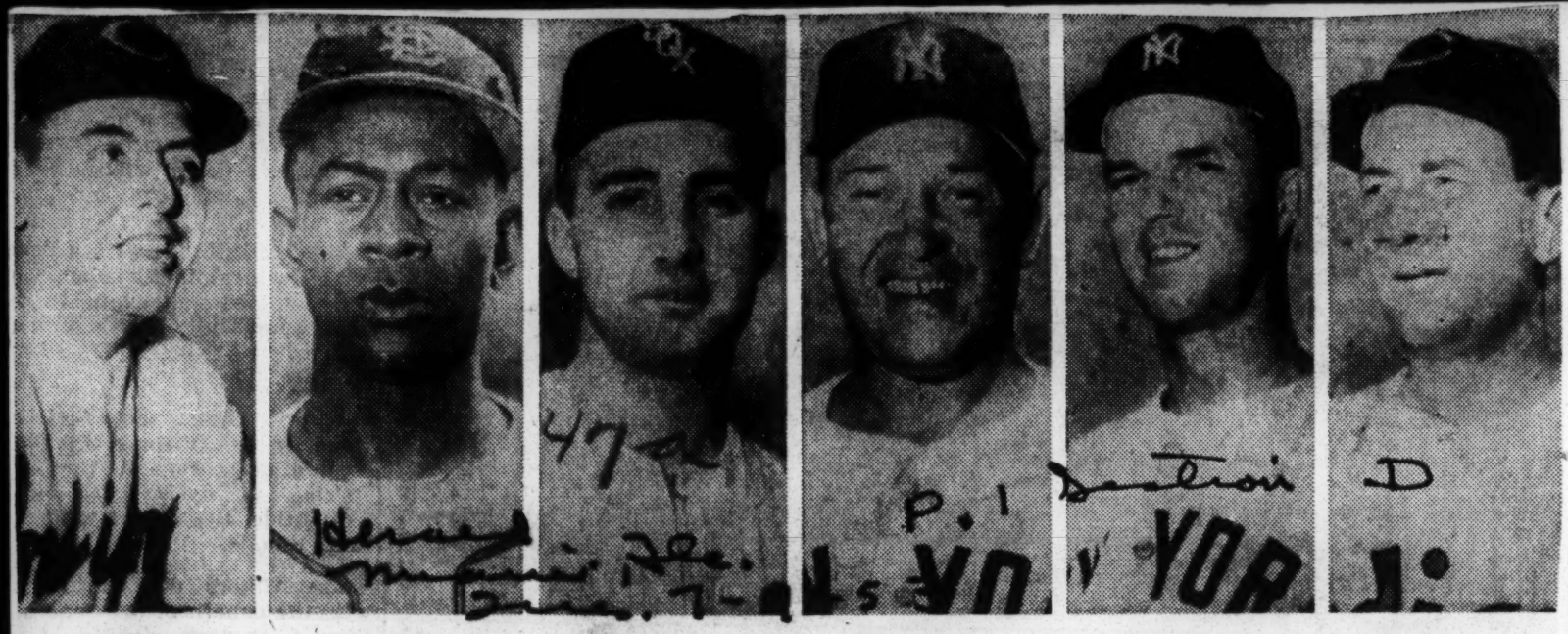
(Last night's games not included.)

	New York	Cleveland	Chicago	Boston	Wash'gton	Philadel.	St. Louis	Detroit	Won	Lost	Percentage	Games Behind
N. Y....	—	7	4	7	7	4	9	8	46	20	.697	—
Cleve...	3	—	3	4	7	9	7	7	40	26	.606	6
Chic....	7	3	—	8	5	4	7	7	41	28	.594	6½
Bost....	2	7	3	—	3	4	10	8	37	34	.521	11½
Wash...	2	4	5	5	—	7	6	5	34	36	.486	14
Phila...	2	2	7	5	3	—	7	6	32	38	.457	16
St. L...	1	2	3	2	6	5	—	7	26	46	.361	23
Det.....	3	1	3	3	5	5	0	—	20	48	.294	27
Lost....	20	26	28	34	36	38	46	48	—	—		

TODAY'S PROBABLE PITCHERS

New York at Boston—Sain (7-3) vs. Parnell (9-4).
Cleveland at Detroit—Lemon (10-6) vs. Gray (2-9).
St. Louis at Chicago—Brecheen (2-8) vs. Rogovin (4-8).
Washington at Philadelphia (night)—Stobbs (2-5) vs. Bishop (3-4).

(Figures in parentheses indicate season's won-and-lost records.)



GARCIA PAIGE PIERCE REYNOLDS SAIN LEMON

25-Player Club Filled By Stengel

CHICAGO —(AP)— Mike Garcia and Bob Lemon of Cleveland . . . Allie Reynolds and Johnny Sain of New York . . . Satchel Paige of St. Louis . . . Billy Pierce of Chicago.

Those are Casey Stengel's pitching selections, announced Monday, for the annual All-Star baseball game in Cincinnati July 14. Stengel is the American League manager by virtue of his position as pilot of the defending pennant winners, the New York Yankees.

He also released, through American League headquarters Monday supporting players for the starting lineup chosen by fans in the countrywide poll which ended at midnight Friday.

The eight ballot winners are Mickey Vernon, Washington, first base; Billy Goodman, Boston, second base; Al Rosen, Cleveland, third base; Chico Carrasquel, Chicago, shortstop; Gus Zernial, Philadelphia, left field, Mickey Mantle, New York, center field; Hank Bauer, New York, right field, and Yogi Berra, New York, catcher.

Stadium Fight Decides 'Better Man'

It's Showdown Night For Smith and Cooper

Jimmy Cooper and Gene Smith come to a showdown tonight in the Washington Stadium to show the home folks which is the better man.

They have met twice with each scoring a knockout.

Jimmy Cooper

Gene Smith

Both fights were savage, throwbacks to alley fighting, with these two little 126-pounders standing head to head and slugging away with both fists.

That is the way it is expected to be again tonight under the stars of Griffith Stadium, with a whooping, shouting crowd at ringside.

They are down for 10 rounds, but neither of their previous fights went the distance.

Smith won the first one in 1951 on a fifth round TKO.

Cooper soaked up Smith's hardest punches in their second meeting last June, stubbornly refused to go down, and turned on such a vicious two-fisted attack that he knocked Smith flat on his back for the full count in the sixth round.

Cooper said before their June meeting that "he'll never knock me out this time; he'd have to kill me first."

Cooper takes that kind of determination into the ring again tonight but so will Smith.

Gene was a pretty cocky kid in their previous fight. He scoffed at the idea that Cooper might beat him, particularly as they climbed through the ropes for the second fight.

But his handlers say he learned a lesson when Cooper flattened him—he learned that you have to fight with your heart and head as well as your hands.

Besides personal satisfaction it's a big fight for both in other ways, too.

Promoter Vince McMahon is trying to match the winner with either Percy Bassett, the interim featherweight champion while Champ Sandy Saddler is in the Army or Willie Pop, the No. 1 contender, in a fight here Sept. 1.

So for the winner tonight it's a step ahead, for the loser a fade out.

There was a lot of talk after their last fight that Smith was beaten because he didn't take the fight too seriously and wasn't in the best of shape. There will be no such excuse this time.

Gene has, according to his manager, Irving Cohen, been training "real hard" at Greenwood Lake, N. J., under the eye of former Middleweight Champ Rocky Graziano and is "sharp."

Cooper, too, has been hard at work at Gaithersburg, Md., training with Holly Mims, the local middleweight contender, who is meeting Tex Newby, of Baltimore, in a special 10-rounder on tonight's card.

In other supporting bouts tonight Lightweight Tommy Thompson, the former Marine, fights Eddie Smith, hiladelphia in a five-rounder; and in four-rounders Lightweight Sipie Lofton, York, Pa., meets Randy Brevard, Washington, Heavyweight Joe Sanchez, Baltimore takes on Johnny Simmons, Wilmington, Del., and Kid Saucer meets Kayo Crockett in an all-Washington heavyweight fight.

NAACP Warns Ford Frick Of Baltimore Segregation In Purchase of Ball Team

New York.—Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, sent the following telegram to Ford Frick, president of the American League, urging the league not to approve transfer of St. Louis Browns to the City of Baltimore.

Because of the city's rigid pattern of segregation, including the exclusion of Negroes from hotels and restaurants, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People urges the American League not to approve transfer of franchise of St. Louis baseball team to City of Baltimore. The racist spirit of that City was recently exemplified by the refusal of the Lyric Theatre to book the celebrated contralto, Marian Anderson. Should such a transfer be made, Baltimore would be only major league city discriminating against Negro players and fans.

"In recent years organized baseball has been an important factor in upholding and extending the American ideals of equal rights and fairpaly. To grant a franchise to a City which regates and disparages these ideals would be a step backward. We hope that the American League will continue to move forward in the support of democratic ideals."

Baltimore bought the Browns Tuesday.

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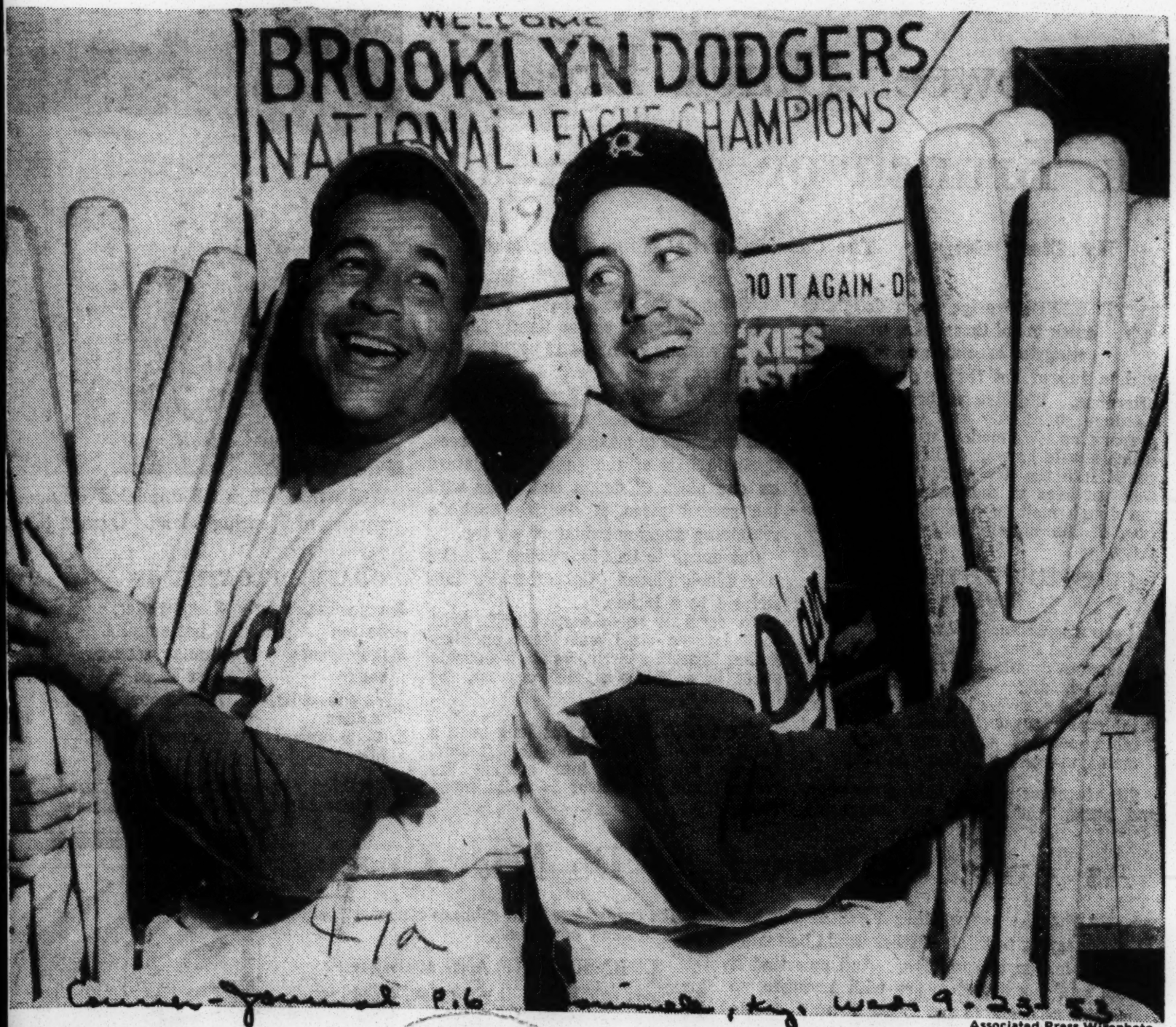

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Associated Press Wirephoto

THEY'RE LOADED!—Dodger catcher Roy Campanella (left) and outfielder Duke Snider have reason to smile as they hold a bunch of bats in their Ebbets Field clubhouse. Between them, they have batted in 265 runs, with Campy leading the National League in that department with 142. Each has hit 42 home runs this season.

This Morning

With Shirley Povich

ONE OF THE NICEST habits I have known has been that of picking the Yankees to win whatever World Series they are playing in. It has been an altogether successful one over the years, and a guy could become pleasantly addicted to it. And I wasn't presuming, either, that I would ever break it off.

Like last year, when the Yankees, man for man, paled in comparison to the Dodgers, I wasn't alarmed when Brooklyn led 'em three games to two in the Series. The Yanks weren't looking good at that point, either, yet you somehow thought or knew that they would pull it out. Exactly how you couldn't foretell, except you felt they'd do it somehow. They did, you remember.

Povich

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I like the Dodgers to win this one. My usual faith in the Yankees is under too much of a strain this time. I'm convinced the Dodgers have the better ball team, and that the intangibles usually in favor of the Yanks are not as important this year. There's a lot of Yankee in the Dodgers, I think.

I mean I think the Dodgers have developed a lot of that Yankee assurance for themselves and won't be overawed this time. They almost pulled it off last year and were beaten only because a fellow like Gil Hodges couldn't get a hit in 21 times at bat. The Yanks can't count on that blessing this year.

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YOU KNOW ALL about the batting figures of the two teams, how the Dodgers have five guys in their regular lineup hitting from .300 to .340 and delivering that long ball. And how the Yankees have only three of their guys hitting over .300 and none hitting over .307. I have to respect those figures, even though last year it was almost the same batting picture.

By this time, the Dodgers ought to hold no more than a proper respect for the Yanks, none of the awe of former years. They won the pennant by a bigger margin than the Yanks, while operating in a stronger league. They won it without too solid a pitching staff, under constant pressure to bang home a lot of runs. I think they have more good ballplayers than the Yanks.

I like the Dodgers' chances against the Yanks' two top pitchers, Whitey Ford and Ed Lopat. They've been murdering lefthanders all season. And thus far neither of the Yankee righthanders, Allie Reynolds nor Vic Raschi, have been sharp or have met up with anything like Brooklyn's murderers' row.

I THINK THE Dodgers are a superior team on defense, too, at every corner of the infield. They are better performers than the Yankee quartet, and at third base they have the

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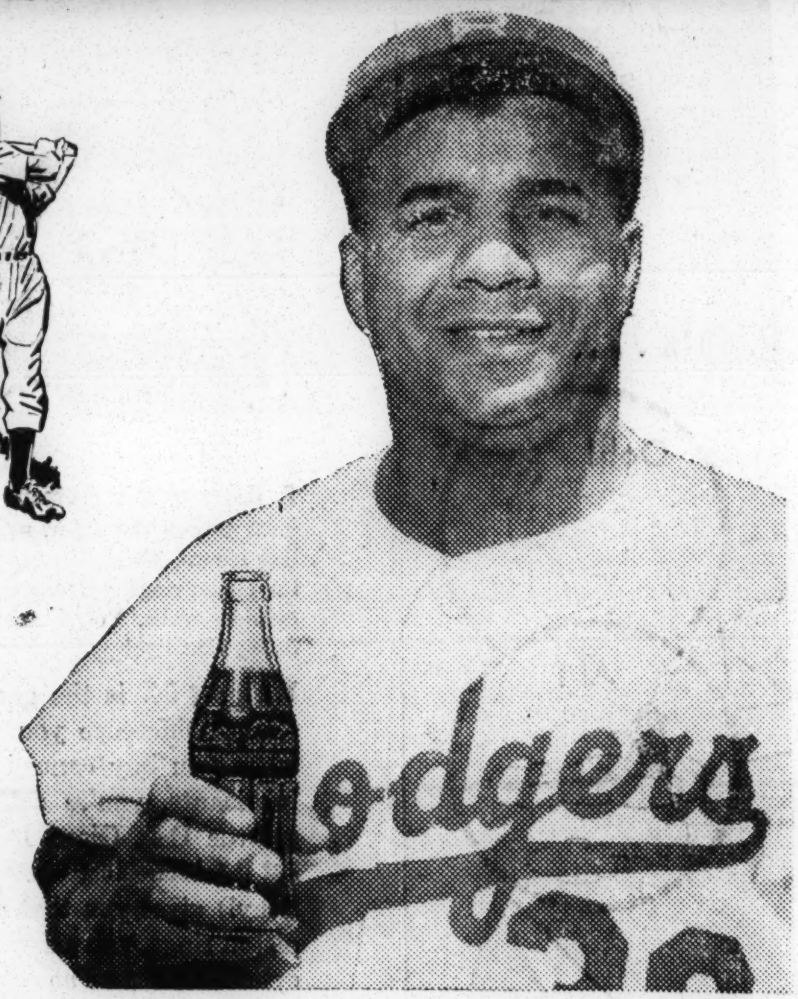

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Roy Campanella

slugging catcher for the Brooklyn Dodgers and winner of National League's Most Valuable Player award in 1951, pauses to refresh with ice-cold Coca-Cola.

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widest edge with their incomparable Billy Cox eclipsing Gil McDougald from here to there and back. Only rarely do you state that somebody is a better shortstop than Phil Rizzuto, but these days Pee Wee Reese is.

There isn't a man in the Yankee outfield who is as fine a ballplayer as Duke Snider, although I have proper respect for Hank Bauer, Gene Woodling and the potential of Mickey Mantle. And the Yanks, with due credit to Bauer's arm, have none who can throw with Carl Furillo, who swings a .340 bat in addition.

Even die-hard Yankee fans can hardly give their man Yogi Berra an edge over Brooklyn catcher Roy Campanella. He lags behind Berra's batting average but his stick is more destructive and he is a tremendous take charge guy who sets the pace for the Dodgers' battling enthusiasm. The Yanks are powerful behind the bat, but at that position the Dodgers are something special.

ALL SEASON THE Dodgers limped along with Carl Erskine, their 20-game winner, as their only solid pitcher. But in Preacher Roe they have a spot pitcher who has beaten the Yanks in World Series games. If Charlie Dressen starts Roe, not Erskine, in the opener it would not be surprising. He could then count on Roe for a seventh game start, if necessary.

In the brain wave department, you couldn't rightly say Casey Stengel is a better manager than Chuck Dressen. Or the reverse. Certain it is that both clubs will get smart direction. In winning without much pitching, Dressen did equally as heroic a job as did Stengel while winning with his lineup shuffling.

Don't mind saying I'm still a bit surprised at myself for picking the Dodgers to beat the Yanks. I didn't think it would happen, but I can't turn my head the other way and pretend the Dodgers don't have a great ball club. I think they do. I think it's a better team than the Yankees' and I go to take 'em, this time.

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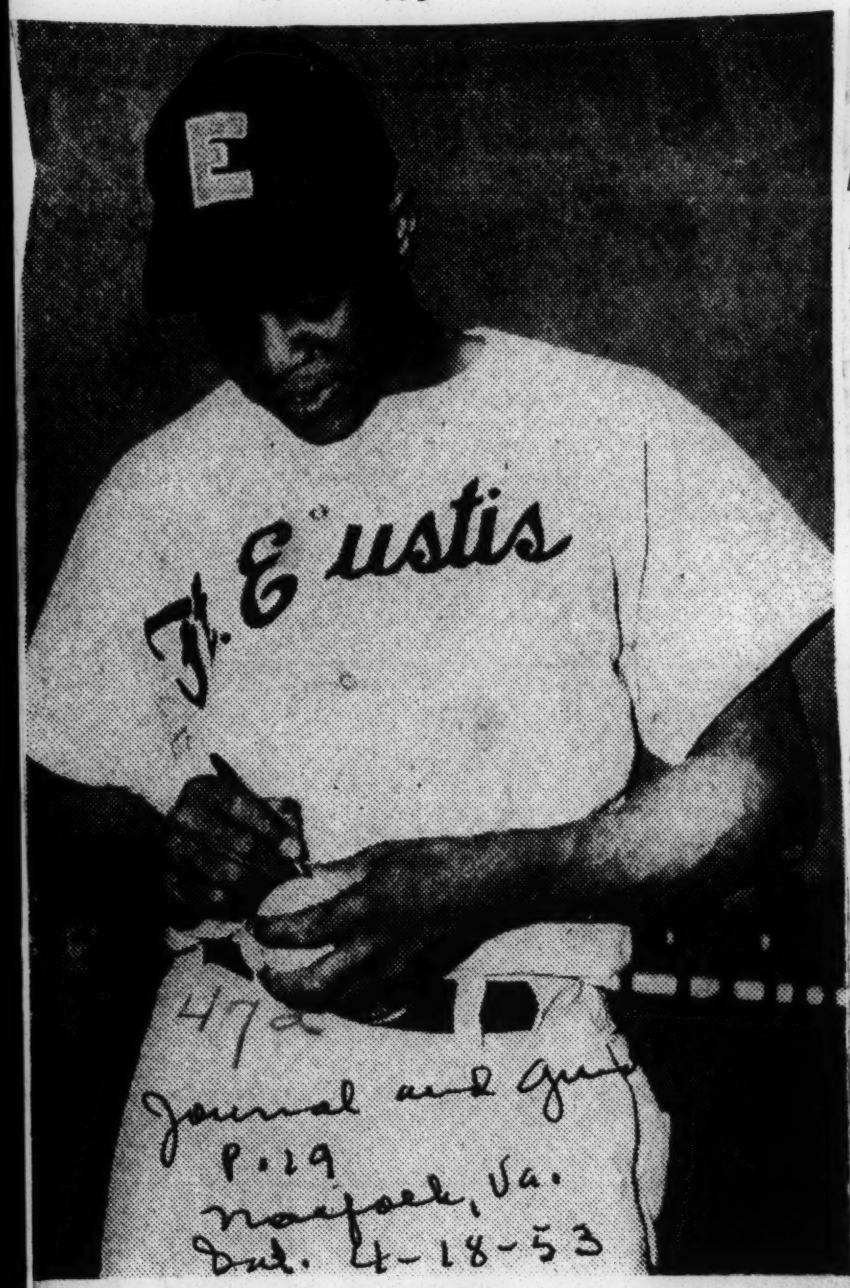

Willie Mays, ex-Giant outfielder, takes time out to autograph a baseball for a fan during a practice session of the Ft. Eustis Wheels. Mays is filling the centerfield slot for the Wheels. As of Saturday, April 11, Willie was clouting the ball at an astronomical .600 pace in the first six games played by the soldier nine.

Four Players Dropped By Macs; White, Golden Excel

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By CAL JACOX

PORTSMOUTH— After one week and one day of actual Spring practice, four of the 13 colored candidates for positions on the Portsmouth Merrimacs had been dropped from the squad and seven of the remaining nine aspirants were in the midst of a torrid struggle to remain in contention after turning in unimpressive performances in exhibition tilts and during the early drills.

Handed their release on Monday, April 6, were: Claude Brown, catcher; Leonard Dunovant, pitcher; Burrell Barge, outfielder and Bill Louis, outfielder. All four reported with no previous experience in professional baseball and the handicap proved to be too much to overcome.

OF THE seven players left after the first squad cut, only Shortstop Eugene "Gene" White and Pitcher Clyde Golden have attracted the eye of Portsmouth officials and both are regarded as strong possibilities for permanent berths on the team.

White, in spite of being caught in the general hitting slump that hampered the Portsmouth team during the week, has been sharp in the field. He appears to be a good glove man and if he can find his batting eye he'll strengthen his bid for the Portsmouth shortstop berth. Golden was equally as impressive in a three inning mound chore in the season's first exhibition game Sunday, April 5.

THE TALL, slender lefthander displayed plenty of hurling know-how in his brief appearance. Working with a smooth delivery and good control, he gave up only three hits, walked two and was touched for two runs on a fluke hit before a record-breaking exhibition game crowd that included over 1,000 colored fans.

Seven players saw action in the game which the Merrimacs lost to the Oceana Naval Air Station Jets, 9-5. White started at shortstop; Henry Craighead was in leftfield and Jim Livingston was in rightfield. Catcher Dick Brown and Shortstop Tommy Burt entered the game in the sixth inning and Pitcher Harry Butts went to the mound in the midst of a seven run uprising by the Jets in the eighth.

BROWN DREW sharp criticism from the fans with his clowning antics behind the plate. The big catcher collided with third baseman Bill Rowe in going after an infield popup in the sixth and dropped the ball to allow one of the Jets to register a tally. In two appearances at the plate he was called out on strikes.

The big disappointment of the early drills was Livingston. Reporting to Portsmouth from the Cleveland farm camp at Daytona Beach, Fla., he failed to get the ball out of the infield in six official trips to the plate in two exhibition tilts. Monday, when the Macs dropped a 2-1 decision to the Jets, he fanned twice with runners in scoring position.

IN THE TWO exhibitions, the only solid blow delivered by the colored players was White's triple with none on in Monday's game. Infield singles by Burt and Craighead, one Sunday and the other Monday, gave the players a total of three safeties.

Though it is too early to pass final judgment on the players, the concensus of opinion among observers watching the workouts was that: Brown appeared to have a weak throwing arm and was hampered by a lack of speed; Craighead and Burt need more experience; Livingston will have to improve his hitting; and Butts has excellent possibilities.

PHIL SIMMONS, a hurler, who has been with the squad since the second day of practice, and Pitcher Jim Mason, who joined the team only four days ago, have yet to see action but they are scheduled to appear in future exhibition tilts.

In an effort to strengthen his club, Owner Frank Lawrence is slated to travel to Daytona Beach and look over other prospects in the Cleveland camp. He will be particularly interested in Brooks Lawrence, a hurler who is reported to be a standout prospect for Class "B" ball. First baseman Rutledge Pearson, who was to report along with White out of Jacksonville, had not put in an appearance as the week's drills drew to a close.

Mississippi Daily Blast Baseball Race Jim Crow

(The following editorial is from the Delta Democrat-Times of Greenville, Miss. It refers to the action April 6 by the Cotton States League which ousted the Hot Springs, Ark., Bathers from the Circuit when the Bathers refused to discharge their two Negro pitchers, Jim and Leander Tugerson, brothers, who formerly pitched for the Indianapolis Clowns.)

"It seems to us that the furor over the possible use of Negro baseball players in the Cotton States League has outgrown the immediate importance of the issue.

"These are some of the facts. Negro ball players are on the rosters of major and minor leagues outside of the South and are in the lineups of two southern minor leagues, the South Atlantic and the Texas. Hot Springs in the Cotton States League has signed two Negro ball players. Other of the league members have objected. The Attorney General of Mississippi has ruled in effect that it is against the policy of the state's segregation laws to permit interracial ball teams from playing in the state.

"Now what about the significance? We are not convinced that a third-rate baseball league is any place to make a fight for equal rights because entertainment and not need is involved. Personally we have no objection to watching a baseball game or a basketball game or a football game or a prize fight or any other sports event in which Negroes participate with white players.

"To the contrary we believe that the excellent performances of American Negroes in national and international interracial competition provide a good answer to the propaganda of out Communist adversaries who say that the Negro has no chance in America. After all, the Cotton States Leagues is not America.

"The principal point we want to make is that young Americans today are playing a game which in some aspects resembles baseball but which is being played for eternal keeps, and there's no yapping about who makes up the team. They do a lot of throwing and some batting in that game, and there are a lot of substitutions in the lineup. But we doubt that the players worry about the color of the newcomers. They happen to be chunking grenades instead of baseballs and batting out the brains of Communists with rifle butts instead of socking baseballs with baseball bats, and we don't think that many GIs from Mississippi are objecting in Korea if some dark-skinned fellow-soldier is the boy who makes the strike-out or the home run.

"In other words, why can't we realize we're living in a world which is a lot more concerned about saving mankind's undeserving skin than about the skin color of baseball players?"

Newport Inks Two Negroes

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. — (ANP) — In a history making move last week, the Newport News Dodgers of the Piedmont League signed two Negro players for the 1953 season. The disclosure was made by Brooklyn Dodgers farm director Fresco Thompson.

The two new men are Charlie Neal, utility infielder, who is regarded as highly promising, and John Glenn, an outfielder. Neal hails from Long View, Tex., and Glenn from Moultrie, Ga.

Neal joined the baby Dodgers April 10 at their spring training camp in Vero Beach, Fla. Glenn is scheduled to report to the ball club before its season's opener with Richmond here, April 23.

Last week's move put Newport News in the third place among Piedmont League clubs to abolish the color line in baseball. York engineered the move earlier after being admitted to the league with Hagerstown, Md. Portsmouth was the second club in the loop to erease the color bar.

According to Thompson, both Negro players have better than even chances of making the grade in the Piedmont League. This was regarded especially true for Neal who was on the St. Paul American Association roster until last week.

"Neal will be the best shortstop in the Piedmont League," is the prediction of Clay Bryant, St. Paul manager.

What They Are Doing

(Includes Games Played Saturday April 25)

	AB.	R.	H.	HR.	RBI.	Pct.
Easter, Cleveland	13	2	5	0	5	.385
Campanella, Dodgers	38	6	14	3	17	.368
Robinson, Dodgers	33	10	12	0	4	.364
Gilliam, Dodgers	38	11	10	0	3	.263
Crowe, Milwaukee	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Pendleton, Milwaukee	1	1	0	0	0	.000
Thompson, New York	5	0	0	0	0	.000
Irvin, New York	39	2	9	1	4	.231
Simpson, Cleveland	29	3	8	1	3	.276
Doby, Cleveland	28	4	7	1	7	.250
Bruton, Milwaukee	38	8	14	1	3	.368
Minoso, Chicago	34	8	11	1	5	.324
Boyd, Chicago	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Bernier, Pittsburgh	9	2	2	0	1	.222

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PITCHERS

	IP.	H.	BB.	SO.	W.	L.	Pct.
Black, Dodgers	10⅔	7	4	5	1	1	.500
Hoskins, Cleveland	2⅔	1	5	2	0	0	.000
Gomez, New York	⅔	5	0	0	0	0	.000
Paige, St. Louis	4	1	1	1	0	0	.000

Race Relations In Two Cities

(From The Montgomery Advertiser)

Birmingham Mayor James W. Morgan has announced that he will introduce a repealer to the city's ordinance banning athletic contests involving Negroes and whites. The action points up an old difference between race relations in Birmingham and in Montgomery.

Birmingham, possibly because of its industrial worker population, has historically experienced periods of racial friction which are unknown here in Montgomery. Thanks in large part to the extreme racist theories of Police Commissioner Bull Connor, Birmingham has had a tough time relaxing over relations between Negroes and whites. Here in Montgomery the question just doesn't arise.

Take for instance the baseball games during the past summer when the Montgomery Grays played the Jacksonville Braves and Savannah, both of which teams have fine Negro players. Because the game was a novelty here, it was expected that it would enjoy a big turnout of citizens eager to see the curious spectacle. Instead, no increase was noted in the number of white patrons—a few more Negro fans turned out, but only because they rarely get to see outstanding athletes of their race in action here. There was no furor, no indignant ery. The Advertiser received only a handful of letters referring to the game, and these were all favorable.

We hazard the guess that only a fraction of the population was ever aware of the white-Negro contest. Such community indifference, to what some like to think of as "explosive situations," would not happen in Birmingham. Bull Connor would paw the ground and roar, and the whole thing would become a cause celebre. Connor has rigidly enforced Birmingham's ordinance against "mixed" sports events, and there'll almost certainly be the devil to pay when he returns from his vacation and learns of Mayor Morgan's action.

It was somewhat disappointing to those financially interested in the Montgomery Grays that the Savannah and Jacksonville games here did not draw larger crowds. We do not believe the indifference bespeaks Montgomery's lack of interest in the Negro race. On the contrary, it was ample evidence that this city saw nothing sensational, nothing freakishly attractive, in the fact that a black man and a white man were running around in the same field.

Good relations—whether between two persons, two states, two nations, or two races—are never a loud, bell-ringing, notorious thing, but a quiet acceptance of peaceful, mutually respectful conditions.

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Kansas City Star Is Yank Farmhand

Youngster Appears Bent On Embarrassing Parent Club

Special to the AFRO

ST. PAUL — Vic Power, brilliant Kansas City utility star, was up to his old tricks of making the parent New York Yankees look bad, as the American Association opened the 1953 baseball season last week.

The youthful Puerto Rican first basman-outfielder, who many thought earned a shot at the varsity with his fine play for the Blues in 1952, cracked out a homer in the Blues' inaugural victory.

More than a half-dozen tan players were being carried on rosters of Association teams as they launched their campaign in cold, uncomfortable weather.

Bob Wilson, St. Paul's third baseman; Sam Jethroe, Toledo outfielder; Ray Noble, catcher and Amado Ibanez, infielder, with Minneapolis; Al Smith, Indianapolis third baseman, and Vic Power and Elston Howard, outfielders with Kansas City, were off to fast starts.

Bill Powell, Toledo hurler, and Quincy Troup Indianapolis catcher, didn't break into the opening day lineups. Nor did Charley Neal, reserve infielder of the St. Paul Saints.

Bow With Homers

Wilson and Power both cracked homeruns in their debut; Howard collected a mighty triple and Jethro, bidding to regain a job in the majors, knocked out two hits, one a double, in three appearances at the plate.

Wilson's debut was on the sensational side as he homered, doubled and singled in five trips. Noble, who is the former New York Giant catcher, got two hits in his first six times at bat as Kansas City hurlers showed him respect by walking him four times.

Await Marquez

Toledo got Jethroe from Milwaukee and the fans there are still waiting for manager Charlie Grimm to slice off Luis Marquez, another outfielder who can hit.

Ibanez is up to the Millers from Sioux City of the Western League where he posted a .309 batting average in 1952. The young infielder—he's 22 — got two hits Thursday night, one a triple as he stepped into the lineup for the injured Ronnie Sanford. If Ibanez continues to hit, Sanford may have trouble breaking back into the lineup. Ibanez' bat packs power; one of his blows off Kansas City pitching was good for three bases.

Eyes On Sam Jones

Smith, who played both the outfield and infield, will get every chance to make good at the hot corner this year. He had one hit in four trips in the opener and manager Birdie Tebbetts, the former major league catcher, is going to leave him in the infield if possible.

Indianapolis fans are still waiting for Sad Sam Jones, the pitcher who hung up four straight victories in 1952, to take his first turn on the hill. Jones is down from Cleveland on option.

Power, whom the Yankees refused to even invite to spring training, got three hits in his first 11 visits to the plate to get off to a flying start. Last year he was in the midst of the race for the batting championship all season.

Dave Pope, the AA hitting champ, is still with Cleveland, but Indianapolis fans have high hopes of getting him back. The Indians, with Pope playing centerfield, could become a pennant contender.

Expect Dozen

Before the season is too far advanced there will probably be at least a dozen tan stars in the league — maybe more, as Cleveland and the New York Giants, as well as Milwaukee, must slice their rosters.

They'll play important parts in deciding the final positions their teams will finish in when September rolls around. Jones could be the ace of the Indianapolis staff and if Minneapolis gets Ruben Gomez from the Giants it would improve the Millers' chances of winning the pennant. Power, of course, will be one of the main cogs for Toledo, and Jethroe's performance will be watched carefully.

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K. S. Nine Has Negro

LINCOLN, Neb.—Earl Woods, only Negro baseball player in the history of the Big Seven Conference, appeared here in Lincoln when the Kansas State Wildcats from Manhattan met the University of Nebraska in a two-game series May 11 and 12.

Woods plays centerfield but injuries to several Wildcat players forced the Kansas State coach to use Woods behind the plate in the second game.

Woods is a native of Manhattan, Kan., having been an all-around athlete in high school there. A senior with a major in sociology, he is completing his third year with the Kansas State nine.

Woods entered the Nebraska series with a .325 average. He has professional baseball aspirations but they will be deferred as he will get an Army commission with his degree in June. He anticipates an early service call following his graduation.

TUGERSON TO FILE CIVIL RIGHTS SUIT

Pitcher Returned To Knoxville After Forfeited Game

MEETING CALLED TODAY

By The Associated Press

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., May 21.—The red-hot controversy involving a Negro baseball player which threatened the Cotton States League with dissolution simmered down Thursday after Hot Springs sent pitcher Jim Tugerson to Knoxville and agreed not to recall him this season.

Tugerson, however, said he would file a civil rights suit against the league and its president, Al Haraway, for denying him the right to play in the Class C circuit.

Back To Knoxville

Co-owner Lewis Goltz of Hot Springs announced Thursday that Tugerson would be returned to Knoxville in the Class D Mountain States League and no further attempt would be made to recall him.

Tugerson said he would rejoin Knoxville Wednesday where he had a 6-2 record for the season.

The league voted last spring to oust Hot Springs after the Bathers signed Tugerson and his brother, Leander, from the Indianapolis Clowns of the Negro American League.

Ruling on Hot Springs' appeal, however, minor league boss George M. Trautman said Hot Springs could play the brothers if the club so desired.

Despite Trautman's ruling, the club elected to send the brothers to Knoxville rather than risk breaking up the league, four of whose eight cities are in Mississippi.

The squabble erupted anew Wednesday night when Hot Springs recalled and attempted to pitch Jim Tugerson against Jackson, Miss. Haraway forfeited the game, contending that Hot Springs had agreed not to recall the Tugersons this season unless four of the eight clubs agreed.

Haraway called a meeting of league directors Friday in Greenville, Miss., to discuss the latest flareup.

'Agreement Broken'

After the game was forfeited, Goltz had threatened to reappeal the matter to Trautman. Haraway replied: "You can take whatever action you may see fit." The circuit head said the color line was not involved, but that Hot Springs had broken a "solemn agreement." Several club owners supported Haraway.

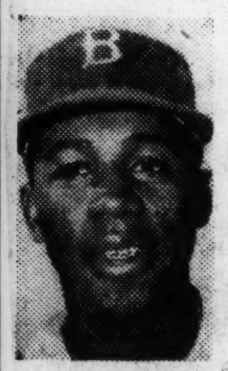
Tugerson said he was conferring with Hot Springs attorneys on fil-

ing the suit. He said several Cubans were playing in the league.

Tugerson was warming up before some 1,500 fans, Hot Springs' best crowd of the season, when the forfeiture was ordered. He said he didn't ask to come back to club and expressed appreciation for the "fan reception, even after the game was forfeited on a technical count."

VERSATILE ROBINSON GETS FIRST DUTY IN OUTFIELD

NEW YORK, May 21—(AP)—Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn's versatile infield star, moved to the outfield for the first time in his brilliant baseball career Thursday, shifting to left field in the seventh inning of the Brooklyn - New York game.



Junior Gilliam

Jackie Robinson

Robinson broke into organized baseball with Montreal back in 1946 as a second baseman after playing shortstop in the Negro leagues. He came up to the Dodgers the following year and was stationed at first base. He returned to second in 1948 and was voted the National League's all-star second baseman for the next five years.

Robby moved over to third base this year to make room for rookie Junior Gilliam, the International League's most valuable player in 1952. Later, when first baseman Gil Hodges was benched for non-hitting, Jackie went back to first. He started at that position Thursday night.

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Let's Leave It To The Fans

We have always argued that the average sports fan is more interested in a good performance than he is in the racial identity of the performer.

Another incident in support of this thesis occurred last week in Hot Springs as the Bathers, a local ball team prepared to do battle with a team from Jackson, Miss.

Some 1,500 fans were on hand eagerly awaiting the umpires cry to play ball. The players were warming up, among them one Jim Tugerson, a Negro pitcher for the Bathers.

Then Joe Thomas, manager of the Hot Springs team read a telegram from Al. Haraway, president of the Cotton States league of which both teams are members.

It declared that the game would be forfeited to the visitors from Mississippi if the local team used Tugerson. Did the fans who had been waiting for the game to start cheer because the ban against Negro players had been upheld again? No Sir!

They booed and demonstrated. They shouted "Let him play . . . Let him Play!"

But the game was called off, the fans got their money back and returned home thoroughly disgusted.

Hot Springs co-manager Lewis Goltz wasn't happy about the situation either. He wants to call a meeting of the league officials to get the matter settled once and for all.

Nor is there any record of the players from Jackson registering a complaint about Tugerson being in the line-up. They are athletes, concerned only in playing ball.

It's difficult to understand how a matter so simple can be made such an issue by the top brass that professes to know what the fans want.

Let's leave it to the fans. If this is done we can predict the outcome, because they know what they want.

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Spotlighting

SPORTS

By JIMMY BURNS

Herald Sports Editor

Dodger Dressing Room Riotous As Press Makes Initial Visit

BROOKLYN—Reporters and cameramen stormed into the Dodger dressing room Friday for the first time during this World Series. The mass invasion, with the photographers screaming and yelling, was enough to frighten any but the pressure-tested athletes.

The boys yelled for Carl Erskine, the pitching star, and the injured Roy Campanella, who cashed in Carl's record-setting performance with a home run. Then they shouted for Charlie Dressen to pose with his heroes.

CAMPANELLA

Chuck and Roy got quite a workout, the climax coming when the cameramen insisted that they hold Erskine aloft. Fortunately, the great pitcher weighs only 165 pounds.

The 15 cameramen shot so many pictures that flashlight bulbs going off in such rapid succession sounded like popcorn popping.

Everyone took it calmly, because this picture session was a deserved tribute to Erskine, who with 14 strikeouts, had topped the World Series fanning mark set by Howard Ehmke back in 1929. Finally Campanella drawled, "you guys ain't got no more bulbs."

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Strikeout Record News to Carl

"**NO, I DIDN'T** know I was setting a strikeout record," Erskine said. "**Preacher Roe** told me I'd broken the old mark when we came back to the dressing room."

Erskine did confide that he knew he'd struck out seven batters in the first four innings, but as he explained it,

I was just taking each inning at a time, and trying to get 'em out."

The victorious pitcher explained that he had a "good fast ball" during the first five innings, but when he felt that it had lost his zip he turned more to curves.

Carl ruefully recalled that the only low pitch he made to **Gene Woodling** was the one which the Yankee slammed to left field for a single in the eighth to score **Hank Bauer.** He also hit **Yogi Berra** in that same inning. He had plunked him in the fourth, too.

"I was throwing inside to Berra," Erskine recalled. "He's such a bad swinger that you can't throw him a bad one unless you really make it bad."

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Rizzuto's Hit Hardest of Day

ERSKINE THOUGHT that **Phil Rizzuto** hit the hardest ball of the day—the grounder which **Pee Wee Reese** could not handle in the fifth fast enough to throw the Scooter out.

Someone recalled the ladder episode of last year when Erskine was knocked out in the second game after he toppled off a step-ladder while looking out a window to see if it was raining.

"I won't get on any more ladders," Carl added jocularly. He said that he did not get tired, and that with a little rest, he's ready to go again if Manager Dressen needs him.

"I can rest all winter," Carl volunteered.

He recalled that 11 strikeouts were the most he'd recorded in a regular season game. Erskine said his control was just the opposite of what it was in his abbreviated appearance in the Yankee Stadium opener.

"I had good stuff today," Erskine continued. "And, fortunately, I could control it."

The questioning continued, but finally, Erskine begged off. "Fellows, I wanta get a drink of water," he said. "I'm dying."

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Hitting Drill Showed Campy OK

"**WHEN DID** you know that Campanella would be able to catch the Friday game?" I asked Manager Dressen. There had been considerable concern on that score Thursday night, because Campy's right hand hurt so it was hard for him to grip a bat.

"At 10 o'clock this morning," Dressen replied. "Campanella told me he could catch when he came to the park, but

believe him until I saw Campy hit two balls into ds during batting practice."

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hat'd you hit for that home run in the eighth?" Cam- was asked. He grinned and replied, "A fast 'un."

ampanella was still favoring his right paw, shaking h s with his left when congratulatory handshakes were in order.

The catcher was asked about the strange episode in the second when Berra walked and continued to second on a wild pitch while Campanella scrambled for the ball. "Erskine threw an overhand curve and when the wild pitch got past me, I lost the ball," Campanella explained. "I didn't know where it was."

Casey Will Always Talk

I LEFT the hilariously celebrating Dodgers and went to the New York locker room where the Yankees were silently dressing—that is, all but Manager **Casey Stengel.** He talks even in defeat.

"The boy came up and got a home run on the first pitch," Stengel said in discussing Campanella's blow which ended the Yankees' chances of taking it all in four straight.

"Their pitcher (Erskine) stopped us," Casey continued. "He struck out 14, so that left only the other fellows to get some runs for us. I couldn't do it.

"Maybe, we didnt hit right against him," Casey mused. "But I'm not going to say that he didn't have anything when he did. He mixed 'em up pretty well. Our batters got a little nervous, but you can't take anything away from Erskine. He was great."

RASCHI

Stengel did not forget that **Vic Raschi** also pitched a great game.

"I told the big fellow that he pitched well in the tight spots," Stengel volunteered. "I told him this was supposed to be a great hitting Brooklyn team, but it beat him by only a run."

Casey also remembered that "The fellow at third hurt us, too. If he hadn't knocked down **Gil McDougald's** ball . . ." No doubt Casey was thinking the ball would have gone on to left field, and another run would have come in.

FIERY SESSION ANTICIPATED

Southern Debates TV, Negro Issues

By JESSE OUTLAR
Constitution Sports Writer

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"We were short of infield reserves last season. Now, with O'Connell and Jack Dittmer available for second base, we will have no worries."

Grimm said Dittmer "will give O'Connell a fight for the job next spring."

O'Connell said at Paterson, N.J., he was very pleased with the trade.

"It's a real Christmas present," he said.

In Pittsburgh, Rickey said he was "very well satisfied. I am particularly pleased with the three young pitchers we picked up."

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An outstanding girl athlete, Miss Marcenia Lyle Stone, better known as "Toni" Stone, has inked a contract with the Clowns, reportedly calling for $12,000 for her first season's work.

Pollock emphatically stated, "this is no publicity stunt! Toni Stone will be the regular second baseman for the Clowns. She has proved her ability by playing three years with the New Orleans (La.) Creoles from 1948 through 1950."

Toni, born in St. Paul, Minn., on July 17, 1931, was one of three girls and a boy, which comprised the family of Mr. and Mrs. Boykin Stone. She now lives in Oakland, Calif.

DAD ENCOURAGED HER

Early in her life, her dad noticed the muscular coordination of Toni and visioned some sort of athletic career for her. After completing grammar school, she entered Roosevelt high in St. Paul and joined the Girls' Athletic association, where she compiled an enviable record in track, swimming and baseball.

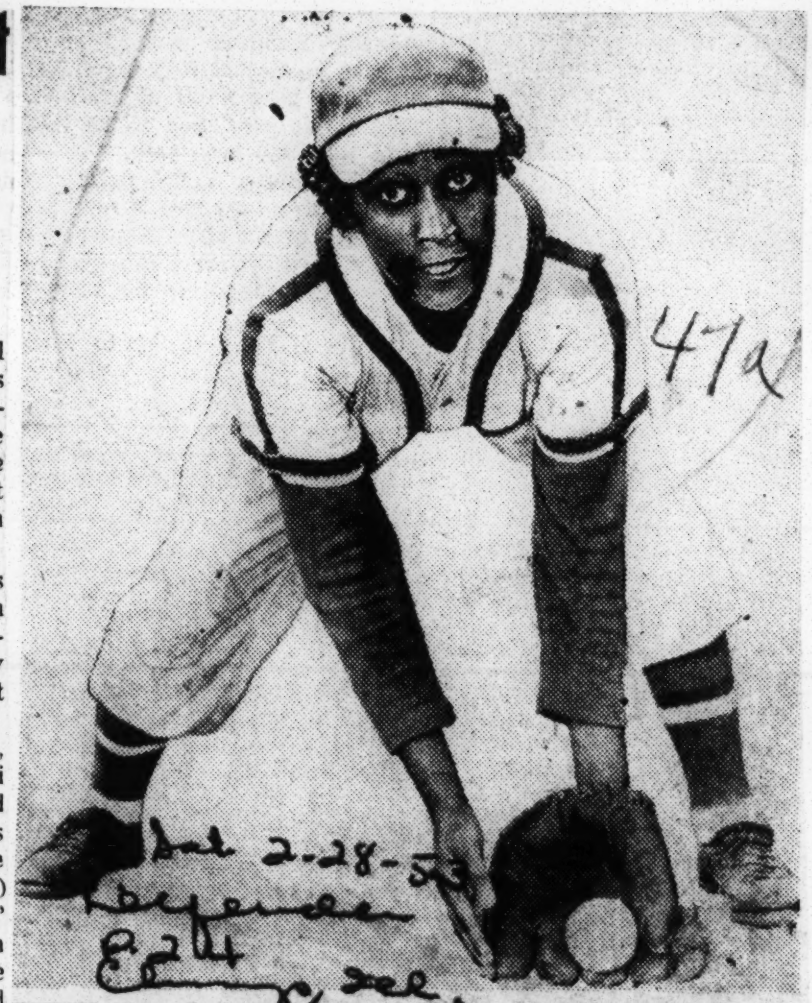
Using her feminine wiles, Toni strolled into St. Paul stadium during the progress of a boys' baseball school session conducted by Gabby Street, who was manager of the Saints baseball club in the American association. Street encouraged the girl to get in there and show her ability along with the boys and his words of encouragement lingered with Toni and heightened her ambition to become an outstanding baseball player.

STARTED WITH LEGION

Toni played with the Wall Post No. 435 American Legion from 1943 through '45, with the strong San Francisco Sea Lions in 1947, joining the Creoles in '48.

Toni will be the first to admit her diamond foes show her no mercy because of her sex. The pitchers throw just as hard and base runners slide into second with spikes just as high. But she likes the game and keeps coming back for more.

She is positive she'll prove an asset to the popular Clowns in helping the Funmakers to their fourth consecutive Negro American League championship this season.



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MEMPHIS ADDS PAIR TO NEGRO EAST-WEST CAST

The Memphis Red Sox today filled its quota of 10 men for the 21st East vs. West Negro baseball game, scheduled for next Sunday in Comiskey Park, with the addition of First Baseman Willie Patterson and Left Fielder Frank Russell. Memphis will combine its talent with that of the Kansas City Monarchs to form the West squad, which won last year's game, 7 to 6.

The Birmingham Black Barons and the Indianapolis Clowns will represent the East. They still have to complete their quotas. The Barons must pick one player, the Clowns two.

Giants' Vice Prexy Says Negroes Have Helped Baseball Advance

By JAMES EDMUND BOYACK

NEW YORK — Charles S. (Chuck) Feeney, vice president of the New York Giants is "sold" on Negro ball players; confidently is looking to left-fielder Monte Irvin, his Orange, N. J., "man-with-the-bat" to lead the Polo Grounders to the National League championship again this year.

Chuck discussed the whole question of Negroes in baseball in an exclusive interview with the writer.

"They have been a great help to baseball," he said.

"Their entrance into our national game has opened up an entirely new field of talent. There's no question that they have improved the quality of the play."

"Do you believe that the color line eventually will be broken down throughout the entire structure of organized baseball?" he was asked.

"In my opinion, it won't be long before all clubs will have Negro ball players on the team," he replied.

We discussed the question of the "box-office" value of his tan spots players.

"They have not made a particle of difference at the box office," he frankly explained. "Both the players and the fans accepted them at their face value. That's all. They gave our fans many a thrill, and our players have a world of confidence in them.

"I guess our fans, like all decent New York sports fans will go for a good ball player, regardless of his race or creed. With them, ability and personal character are everything. And that's the way it should be," he stated flatly.

The top Negro prospect for the Giant 1953 team is Ruben Gomez, 25-year-old Puerto Rican from Santurce. He is 6 feet, 170, bats and throws right handed.

Scout Tom Sheehan told Feeney that Gomez definitely was ready for the big time.

"He has the best screwball I've ever seen," Sheehan reported, "and with it he has a fast ball, a change of pace and fine control."

"This fellow has a good pitching head to get out of the tough He definitely is a possibility as a starting pitcher," he glowed.

Last year, Ruben relieved in 5 games at Kansas City, won 1, lost none.

Last winter he struck his stride in the Puerto Rican League and played with the champions against the Cuban League champions in Havana.

Chuck Feeney said "he won't need much warming up and has no weight problem." He reported to Phoenix, Ariz., recently.

The Giants have a number of young colored players scattered through their farms. Jack Schwartz, the farm boss said they will be given "every chance in the world" at the Giant's minor training quarters at Melbourne, Fla.

He is hot about first baseman William D. White who will be 19 this year. He throws and bats left handed; is 6 feet, 180 pounds. Bill has just graduated from high school at Warren Ohio. This is his first year in pro ball. He will play with the Danville, Va., club.

Then, there's Amado Ibanez, who plays second or third base on the Minneapolis club. This is his third year up.

"We've just signed a left handed pitcher named Marshall Bridges from the Memphis Red Sox, a Negro club. He has been assigned to Minneapolis too. He's a great prospect; as steady as they come," he said.

"At our St. Cloud, Minn., club we signed an outfielder named Willie Charles Kirkland whom one of our scouts liked very much. He is 19, is a left hand hitter but throws right. He is 6 feet, 185 pour

...ere too we have Jessie James Rogers, a catcher-outfielder. He bats and throws right; is 6 feet 2 inches and weight 180 pounds. He is around 19 too.

At our Oshkosh, Ohio, club we have a right handed pitcher names Lionel Edward King, also 19. He is 6 feet 3 inches and 185 pounds. He is 4F in the draft. He is attending Fayetteville State Teachers College, in North Carolina," Jack explained.

"And don't forget Norman Griffin a Negro short stop at Oshkosh. He is small and speedy and a fine possibility. He is 5 feet 8½ inches and comes in at 170. He is from Harrison, N. Y.

"That will give you an idea of our coming Negro talent. They will be given every opportunity to develop into major league players. And, who knows, we may have the cream of the crop," he said.

that they have acted smartly as businessmen and sensibly as Americans.

Judge Miller upheld the highest traditions of the federal bench last week in Hot Springs when he directed a jury to return a vedrict in favor of Attorney Spears who charged that he had been forced to occupy a rear seat on a transcontinental bus when it passed through Hot Springs in December, 1951.

The judge based his action on previous Supreme Court decisions in similar cases. In explaining his action, Judge Miller declared that the question of civil rights supercedes a state statute that requires racial segregation.

Bright Signs In Arkansas

Two events occurred in the state of Arkansas last week that deserve applause because both are further indications of improving race relations in the South.

First was the precedent making action of the Hot Springs Bathers, a baseball team, in acquiring two Negro pitchers, Jim and Leander Turgerson.

Second was the decision directed by Federal District Judge John E. Miller in favor of Atty. I. H. Spears of Pasadena, Calif., in a Jim Crow suit against the Arkansas Motor Coaches, Inc.

The owners of the Hot Springs Bathers, Lewis Goltz and H. M. and Garrett Britt deserve commendation for this forward step along with A. G. "Gabe" Crawford, who launched the negotiations that resulted in the purchase of the two Negro players.

Due for credit also is the team's board of directors that supported the position of the owners and of Crawford.

It takes courage in the South to make the move these men have and we feel certain that their decision to break with the league of which their team is a member rather than dispose of their Negro players was not an easy one to make.

We feel sure, however, that they will profit by their action. Local newspapers indicate that the entire city is sympathetic with the aims of these men Surely there will be great support from Negro baseball fans.

And even if it is true, as has been pointed out that these men were influenced in their decision by the increased gate receipts of other teams that have used Negro ball players, it does not detract one iota from the fact

Breaks Precedent Of Fifty Years

Al Isreal And Fleming Reedy Working With Savannah Indians

By BILL BOWES

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Al Isreal and Fleming (Junior) Reedy are a "cinch," according to Savannah Manager, Les Bell, to be the first colored players in the 50-year history of the Sally (South Atlantic) League.

Isreal, batting champion of the Class "B" Interstate League last year, and Reedy, leading batter of the Class "A" Western League, are currently training with the Savannah Indians of the Class "A" Sally loop in William Grayson Stadium.

Savannah citizens, who have turned out in large numbers to watch the Indians train, have given both Isreal and Reedy a tremendous welcome to the loop.

Welcomed To Team

Amity and accord have come from other players on the Indians' roster as they watch Isreal and Reedy battle for a starting position on the club roster.

Manager Bell is extremely pleased with Reedy, who played for him last year when he managed the last place Lincoln, Nebraska Athletics of the Western League.

Reedy, whom Manager Bell switched from second base to centerfield last year, batted .318 to win the league batting championship on a club that finished in last place.

First Signed By A's

The 24-year-old centerfielder was the first colored player ever to wear a Savannah Indian uniform, as well as the first to be signed by the parent Philadelphia Athletics.

He played for the Tribe against the parent Athletics in an exhibition contest last March when the regular Tribe shortstop was late reporting.

He did everything in the baseball book during the exhibition.

Bell Says He's Ready

Before one of the largest crowds ever to witness a baseball game at Grayson Stadium, he got a single, a double, a triple, an inside-the-park homerun, drove in three runs, took part in three double plays, committed three errors and made six assists.

Native Of Maryland

Bell says, "Reedy is ready . . . He has youth, ability, and wants to make good. He likewise, has displayed good manners and sportsmanship, and this makes him deserving of a chance to be one of the two players to break down the color line in Sally League competition."

Manager Bell expresses equal satisfaction with the work of Isreal, stellar second baseman, who batted .291 for the Harrisburg, Pa. club of the Interstate League last year.

Isreal, a product of American Legion baseball, hails from Rockville, Md. where he makes his home during the winter.

The chunky Campanella-built second baseman is unmarried.

Breaking into baseball with the Rockville American Legion team, he played for Oscar Charleston's Philadelphia Stars. His first experience in organized baseball came with Harrisburg.

This marks his second year in organized ball. The youthful second baseman is only 22 years old.

Marri d Maryland Girl

Reedy, 24, is a Savannah-born and bred youngster. He is a family man He is married to the former Margaret Butler of Baltimore. They have three children: Donnie Charles, 2; Frances, 3, and Betty Anne, one.

Beginning his pay-for-pay career five years ago with the Richmond Giants, Reedy joined the Baltimore Elite Giants in 1950, remaining with them until 1951 when the club dropped its connection with the Negro American League.

While with Baltimore, one of his teammates was Joe Black, star reliefer of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Experiment Being Watched

Savannah's experiment with Reedy and Isreal is being closely watched by Augusta, Macon, Charleston, S.C.; Columbus, Columbia, S.C.; Jacksonville, Fla. and Montgomery, Ala., the other seven clubs in the Sally League.

With the exception of the Montgomery Rebels, whose home base is in the "Cradle of the Confederacy," all of the Sally clubs have expressed interest in hiring colored players.

"The Rebels say they're not hostile toward colored players, but do not wish to hire any. The Alabama team will not seek to bar Isreal and Reedy.

The 50th anniversary of the Sally League begins April 14, with the Indians playing host to Jacksonville. Observers believe that Isreal and Reedy will be in the lineup.

TONI STONE

Toni Stone set for D.C. return

WASHINGTON

Miss Toni Stone, the gal second baseman of the Indianpolis Clowns, is coming back to Washington by popular demand.

Miss Stone, whose magnetic power was an important factor as the Clowns edged out the Birmingham Barons, 4-3, in 14 innings before 10,000 fans here three weeks ago, is slated to appear at Griffith Stadium again on Tuesday night, Sept. 1.

On that date, the Clowns will play host to the Memphis Red Sox with Homer (Goose) Curry, manager, in a regularly scheduled NAL game.

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Negroes Open In S. A. League

SAVANNAH, Ga. — The South Atlantic League has opened the baseball season with five Negroes in the Savannah-Jacksonville line-up, a heavy paid attendance and virtually everybody saying "so what!"

Although Jacksonville won the game from Savannah on opening day, 6-4, Savannah was happy because there was a paid attendance of 5,508, 2,554 of which were Negro fans.

Manager Jew Bell, formerly of the St. Louis Cardinals, told reporters that everyone under him "is just a ball player."

However, Bell has nothing but high praise for Junior Reedy, a returned Savannah native, who had married and moved to Baltimore, and Al Isreal, the second baseman, who formerly played for Harrisburg, Pa.

Jacksonville's Felix Mantilla and Henry Aaron also starred in the opener.

Negro Players With Jacksonville Braves Hold Public Spotlight

By CARL P. WALLACE

The entire town is talking about the first game played here between the Montgomery Grays and the Jacksonville Braves, as we all know, Jacksonville has three Negro players on the team, the first for the Sally League.

In talking with the men, I have found that Henry L. Aaron is a native of Mobile, Ala., and a graduate of Central High School. Aaron began his professional baseball with the Indiana Clowns and was sold to Eanclair, Wis. From there he went to Toledo, and finally Jacksonville, where he is playing second base, and batting .360. In the game here Monday night, Aaron got 2 hits for four times at bat.

Horace Garner is a native of St. Louis Mo. He attended Vashan High School of that city. Garner's professional baseball career began in 1951 with the Eanclair, Wis. team. He was later sent to Evansville, Ind., and finally to Jacksonville where he plays right field. His batting is .380. For his place in the game, Garner collected only one hit out of four tries.

Felix Mantilla is a native of Isabela, Puerto Rico and attended Isabela High School. His professional baseball career began in Caguas, a Puerto Rican team, and then Evansville, where he played shortstop. He is now batting .365. He collected two hits for four tries Monday night.

I later had the chance to talk to the president of the group and during this brief conversation, I observed these things: President Tallis is a very aggressive person. He has done away with the bleachers and now Negro fans can sit in the stands and box or reserved seats. The price has been reduced from 65 cents to 50 cents.

The concession stand has been reopened for the benefit of the Negro patrons. Tallis also stated he would talke to any athletic group and even bring men for demonstration.

The team will play here again tonight and the final game, Thursday night. Let us show our appreciation as we did this past Monday night.

Savannah will play here Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There are some race players on that team also.

Whites And Negroes Keep Harmony In Playing Professional Baseball In Southern States

ATLANTA, May 16 (AP)—Last month a dispute over two Negro pitchers threatened to cause the break up of a Class C league in the Heart of Dixie.

To keep harmony, the Hot Springs Club of the Cotton States League optioned the pitchers, brothers Jim and Leander Tugerson, before the season opened.

But the racial squabble is not typical of baseball in the south —not anymore.

Every night in almost every state below the Mason - Dixon Line, you can find Negro and white players on the diamonds together.

The spreading practice of mixed teams has generated interest, but few incidents. Fans, generally, accept members of both races for what they are—professionals entertaining them with their baseball talents. They judge the players, by and large, on ability and performance rather than on the color of their skin.

There have been isolated cases of protests over the use of Negroes. For example, only one complant was reported by the management of the St. Petersburg Saints of the Class B Florida-International League. That was from a woman fan who was unhappy because her favorite white player of the past season had been sold.

Only one organized protest has been noted. The Jacksonville Beach Sea Birds of the Class D Florida State League planned to use Negroes but the plans were shelved when citizens protested at a meeting.

The Class A South Atlantic League celebrated its 50th anniversary by dropping the racial bars. Jacksonville has three Negroes in its lineup and Savannah has two. All have turned in good performances to date and have been well received all around the league.

Sam Wolfson, chairman of the board of the Jacksonville Club says the Negroes are partly responsible for an increase in attendance. He estimated that where an average of 300-400 Negro fans used to turn out, the club now draws 500-600.

But he said the major reason for an increase in both Negro and white fans is that Jacksonville is leading the league after several unsuccessful seasons.

Savannah which is buried in seventh place, has noted little change in overall attendance, but Negro fans are turning out in greater numbers.

All the Negroes have drawn cheers and applause from white fans for outstanding plays. Four of the five are among the top 20 batters in the Sally, and Henry Aaron of Jacksonville is leading the league in total base hits and runs batted in.

There has been no critical reaction to the use of Negroes in the Class B Piedmont League, and club owners credit them with upping gate receipts considreably.

Dallas of the Class AA Texas League broke tradition last year with pitcher Dave Hoskins, now graduated to Cleveland. Now every league which includes Texas teams has Negroes.

Howard Green, president of the Class B Big State League, says: "If the Negroes are good players, they are extremely popular with the fans and boost attendance. Baseball has long been a melting pot for various nationalities and creeds. It is one of the world's most Democratic institutions. We believe that the time is here when the player is accepted for what he can do no the field in helping his club win games. Naturally, if he is good, he is helpful at the box office."

Although the use of Negroes is spreading throughout the south, there are many leagues—including the Class AA Southern Association—which still are all-white.

But the Cotton State circuit, which includes teams in Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi, is the only one in which an attempt to introduce Negroes touched off a public furore. And in that instance league officials, not the fans, kicked up the fuss.

All For The Girl

Expect Record Attendance At Clown-Monarch Tiff

DETROIT — Syd Pollock's Indianapolis Clowns, Negro American League champions, who are breaking attendance records throughout the nation this season, climaxed their 18,205 paid at Kansas City, need only a bit of cooperation from "Ole Sol" to eclipse this mark and the one set at Detroit last season, when 21,000 saw the Funmakers split a twin-bill against Tom Baird's Kansas City Monarchs.

These same clubs will meet at Briggs Stadium again next Sunday afternoon, June 21, in a doubleheader, and the Detroit promoters are claiming that with the assistance of the weatherman, the crowd will exceed 30,000.

BREAKS LEAGUE BIAS

Continuing to make the headlines is the Clowns' 22-year-old second baseman, Toni Stone, first girl infielder to be signed and break down the prejudice against women players in the NAL.

From Longview, Texas and Chattanooga, Tenn., come stories of Miss Stone visiting hospitals and schools spreading cheer and goodwill with her interviews.

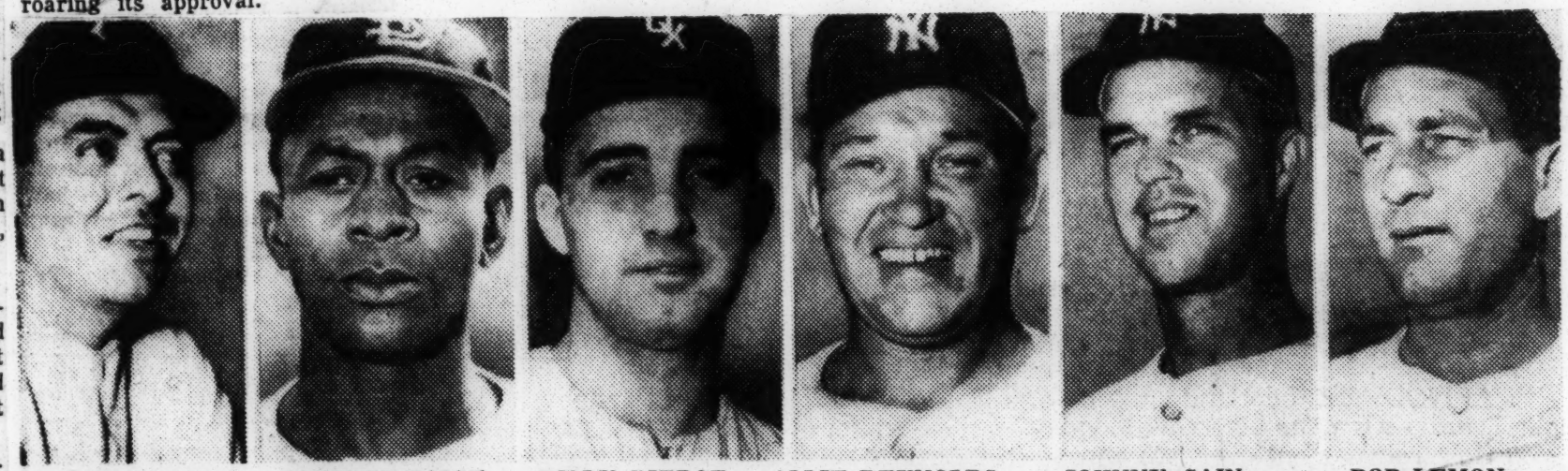
On the unfortunate side of the news is the story out of Nashville that a vicious line-drive which Toni tried to spear with her bare hand during batting practice, ripped open the hand and required four stitches.

Altho she was sidelined for about five days, she reappeared on the field the following night in full uniform and fought with player-manager Buster Haywood to be permitted to take part in the pre-game drills. Haywood, fearing further injury to her hand, ordered her to take it easy for several days.

BEAT SOX TWICE

The Clowns took the Memphis Red Sox into camp to 13-7 at Memphis in the opener of a twin bill, but the nightcap ended in a 4-4 tie called on account of curfew.

The next night at Nashville, the victory over the Memphis nine when young Percy Smith relieved Clarence Turner to register his 3rd NAL victory of the season. In this game, Verdes Drake, the sensational centerfielder of the Clowns, enjoyed a field day at the plate with four for four, including a homer, and featured in the fielding gem of the night with a bullet throw to home plate to cut off a runner with the crowd roaring its approval.



MIKE GARCIA SATCHEL PAIGE BILLY PIERCE ALLIE REYNOLDS JOHNNY SAIN BOB LEMON

Reynolds, Sain, Paige, Pierce, Garcia Form AL All-Star Staff

Casey Chooses Two Indians, Yankees To Face NL's Best in Annual Classic

CHICAGO, July 6—(AP)—Mike Garcia and Bob Lemon of Cleveland . . . Allie Reynolds and Johnny Sain of New York . . . Satchel Paige of St. Louis . . . Billy Pierce of Chicago. Those are Casey Stengel's pitching selections, announced Monday, for the annual major league all-star baseball game in Cincinnati July 14.

Stengel is the American League manager by virtue of his position as pilot of the defending pennant winners, the New York Yankees.

He also released through American League headquarters the supporting players for the starting lineup chosen by fans in the countrywide poll which ended at midnight Friday.

The eight ballot winners are Mickey Vernon, Washington, first base; Billy Goodman, Boston, second base; Al Rosen, Cleveland, third base; Chico Carrasquel, Chicago, shortstop; Gus Zernial, Philadelphia, left field; Mickey Mantle, New York, center field; Hank Bauer, New York, right field, and Yogi Berra, New York, catcher.

Brooklyn Dodgers' Manager Charlie Dressen will announce his National League pitching choices and supporting players Tuesday.

In rounding out his 25-man squad, Stengel named the following players to back the starting eight men who must play a minimum of three innings:

Infielders — Ferris Fain, Chicago; Nelson Fox, Chicago; Bill Hunter, St. Louis; George Kell, Boston; Harvey Kuenn, Detroit; Johnny Mize, New York; Phil Rizzuto, New York; Eddie Robinson, Philadelphia.

Outfielders—Larry Doby, Cleveland; Minnie Minoso, Chicago.

Catcher—Sam White, Boston.

In addition, Stengel chose Lou Boudreau, Boston Red Sox manager, and the Yankees' Jim Turner as coaches; Mel Harder of Cleveland and George Myatt of Washington as batting practice pitchers; George Susce of Boston as batting practice catcher, and Jack Homel of Detroit as trainer.

Stengel didn't indicate which of his six pitching choices would start the game.

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Baseball Working Way Toward Full Integration

By CAL JACOX
Guide Sports Editor on Tour Of Baseball Training Camps

MIAMI, Fla. — That old bugaboo of complete democracy in baseball hasn't become a reality as yet, but it is slowly and surely working its way toward full integration.

When Jackie Robinson moved into major league baseball nearly seven years ago, the big problem was meeting the jim crow requirements of the cities in which integration was taboo.

IN THE early stages of his career, Robinson was a loner. Under the law, particularly in St. Louis and Cincinnati, he could not stay with his teammates in the hotel assigned to the team and spent most of his time, on the road, living with colored families and in colored hotels.

There are still some segments of Jim Crow remaining to haunt the colored major league player today but signs are pointing to improvement in the near future.

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OUT IN Arizona, the New York Giants are housing their colored players in Phoenix's Hotel Adams along with the rest of their teammates but the only fly in the ointment is the owner's insistence that they eat their meals in their rooms instead of the hotel dining room. The Adams is willing to accept the Giant players as guests but, as yet, its owners are not ready to acknowledge their presence for fear of antagonizing other guests.

Phoenix is a city of contrasts. As the Giant players were residing at the Adams, a controversy between the local NAACP and hotel owners regarding their refusal to house colored delegates to a forthcoming convention was in progress. In some theatres in Phoenix, colored patrons are seated in balconies; in others they are not admitted at all. So sharp is the contrast that one restaurant, near the hotel, will serve colored patrons while another next door refuses to allow them through the door.

Over in Tucson, Cleveland's Larry Doby, Luke Easter, Sad Sam Jones, and Harry Simpson are housed at the city's famous Santa Rita Hotel along with the rest of their teammates while Dave Hoskins, Dave Pope and Al Smith were forced to reside with a private family because of lack of space at the hotel.

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IN MR. AND Mrs. Chester Willis, of 932 N. Alden street, the Indian trio have the perfect hosts. Mr. and Mrs. Willis' residence has been the "home away from home" for Cleveland's colored player ever since Doby joined the team. But now the regulars have moved into the hotel and they provide shelter for only the rookies who travel to Tucson in search of a berth on the Cleveland nine.

Despite the separation, Hoskins, Pope and Smith were not inconvenienced by the setup. The Cleveland management had supplied them with a rented car to enable them to reach the ball park, located on the outskirts of town.

Here in Miami, Robinson, Campanella, Black and their families and Jim Gilliam, are housed at the famed Lord Calvert Hotel while over at Bradenton, the Braves' Sammy Jethroe, Jim Pendleton and Bill Bruton are roommates in one private residence and George Crowe and Luis Marquez are roomies in another.

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BUT AT THE ball park and on the field it's different. When the players report to the clubhouse at 10 a. m., integration begins. Following the usual greetings the players exchange small talk while they don uniforms. They are briefed on the routine for the day and they move in integrated groups to the practice field.

Out there, where nothing but ability counts, democracy comes into its own. Scattered all over the diamond are interracial groups playing pepper ball or engaging in a game of catch. Every player is conscious of only one thing, getting out there and working together to win the ball game.

The players have a definite routine to follow and the best time of the day is when they start stepping into the batting cage to sharpen their hitting eye. Here the players rib each other over their exploits of the previous day and about their hitting in general. Doby, Easter, Simpson and Irvin are usually the big attraction when they move up to the platter as they are watched by every player on the field who is anxious to improve his batting and feels that a gander at the styles of the big four would be of some help.

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FOLLOWING batting practice they move onto the field where there is a bustle of activity as infield practice, fungo hitting to the outfielders and instructions in the art of playing the various positions consume the rest of the practice period. And, until the regulars are called to prepare for the beginning of the exhibition tilt, the players are in constant contact with each other. When the game starts, the fan then becomes aware of how far de-

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mocracy has advanced when he looks onto the diamond and sees from three to four colored players for both teams in action out there before his eyes.

Baseball still has a long way to go before it is fully integrated. At present on exhibition tours of the South and Southwest, they are still barred in some areas and in most of them they are separated from their teammates. However, the owners are working to eliminate some of the gimmicks that hamper their good intentions.

To begin with he is signing more colored players and in addition he is insisting, as far as possible, that he be treated the same as his other players. It does not work at all times. He is still being frustrated in the South but the annual Spring exhibition tours and the advent of more players into the area may eventually lead to a better outlook on the part of southern owners. There have been giant strides made in baseball and they'll continue to be made. All the players and men in the game are asking is the full support of the colored fan who by his response will indicate that the saorifices being made are worthwhile.

Baseball Registry

Following are players to be found in the ranks of organized baseball:

MAJOR LEAGUES
—American—
CHICAGO White Sox — Orestes Minoso, outfielder; Bob Boyd, utility; Connie Johnson, pitcher.
CLEVELAND Indians — Larry Doby, Harry Simpson, outfielders; Luke Easter, infielder; Dave Hoskins, pitcher.
ST. LOUIS Browns — Satchel Paige, pitcher.
National
BROOKLYN Dodgers — Jackie Robinson, Junior Gilliam, infielders; Roy Campanella, catcher; Joe Black, pitcher.
MILWAUKEE Braves — Bill Bruton, Jim Pendleton, outfielders; George Crowe, infielder.
NEW YORK Giants — Monte Irvin, outfielder; Hank Thompson, outfielder - infielder; Ruben Gomez, pitcher.

MINOR LEAGUES
International
MONTREAL Royals — Edmundo Amoros, outfielder; Umberto Fernandez, infielder.
SYRACUSE Chiefs — Hector Rodriguez, infielder; Mel Williams, outfielder.
American Association
CHARLESTON Senators — Angel Scull, outfielder; Bill Powell, pitcher.
INDIANAPOLIS Indians — Al Smith, infielder - outfielder; Dave Pope, outfielder; Sam Jones, pitcher.
KANSAS CITY Blues — Vic Power, outfielder.
MINNEAPOLIS Millers — Ray Noble, catcher; Blasco Ibanez infielder.
ST. PAUL Saints — Bob Wilson, infielder; Roy Howard, infielder - outfielder.
TOLEDO Sox — Sam Jethroe, Luis Marquez, outfielders.

SPORTS OF THE WORLD

By Marion E. Jackson

Atlanta golfers eyeing U. S. court action against Gate City golfing bias . . . Roy Campanella's batting average began to skid after that Life magazine cover. Most athletes cite that mag's profile as a surefire jinx . . . Negro American League owners have given up on Atlanta as a promotion spot. Only 300 spectators turned out to watch the Black Barons and the K. C. Monarchs . . . How come show business hasn't discovered the Black Baron's traveling comedy team—the Two Earles, they're sensational!!!! For the first time since 1948, Jackie Robinson is likely to miss a starting berth on the National League all-star team . . .

Florida A&M may lose its crack sports publicist, Charles Jo Smith III, to the Pittsburgh Courier. The national weekly has offered the Famcee scribe a top editorial post with a huge salary!!!!

Ox Clemons has billed for stardom Clarence (Peter Pan) Wright who is groomed for Morris Brown's No. 1 quarterback in '53. The ex-Booker T. Washington (Atlanta) prep star subbed for Frankie Cole last season receiving glittering notices. Cole is now in the Army and Wright is the new man of the hour . . .

Remember Monte Stratton, whose courageous comeback was portrayed in the motion picture, "The Monte Stratton Story." Well, the 42-year-old righthander failed to survive the second inning of a game last week while pitching for Greenville of the Big State League .....

Millions of moviegoers hoped that Stratton would be as successful as another athlete profiled by Hollywood. That was Ben Hogan, hero of the flicker "Follow The Sun." Hogan was critically injured in an automobile accident. He almost lost his life and doctors feared for his life while predicting he would never play again if he survived.

Hogan has won virtually every golfing laurel since recovering and this year alone has been victorious in the Masters and U. S. Open. How's that!!!!!

HERE AND THERE — Florida A and M. All-American grid star, William Kenchon and lovely Lucille Dean, were married immediately after graduation in Tallahassee. Kenchon is manager and life guard at the new municipal pool there

Tennessee State A. and I. State University has come up with a sports first that is something to behold. Last week, we received from Athletic Director Henry A. Kean a brochure with '53-54 football and basketball schedules. The booklet is entitled "Watch Those Tigers" and is an informative eight-page layout on sports there. There is a foreword in which Coach Kean opines that .....: This year's football and basketball schedules bring you the best possible in sports competition". College public relations men with an eye to keeping the press abreast of athletic activities ought to see the A .and I. State University brochure. We rate it tops!!!

OFF THE CUFF — Only three active players in major league baseball have as many as 2,000 hits. They're Johnny Mize, Stan Musial and Bob Elliott. However baseball records show ninety-two other players in the history of the game have gotten as many as 2,000 hits .....

Atlanta World's Lerone Bennett joins staff of Johnson Publication July 1 ..... Miami was saddened by the death of Henry Chrispin Ingraham, who won All-American honors as a fullback at Florida A. and M. Ingraham was an all-state back at Miami's Booker T. Washington, and was employed as playground supervisor in Liberty City.

John I. Johnson, sports editor, Kansas City Call, defends Negro baseball clubs for turning to entertainment to lure customers through the turnstiles. Johnson cites King Tut. Toni Stone and the Two Earls as comedy acts which mean a bigger payday.

John writes:

While some fans maintain they go to parks to see baseball and not a show, the fact is that they are too few in number to support the run-of-the-mill ball clubs.

We think every ball club manager should meet his competition and keep his team alive. If he can do so on straight baseball; if he has a club that will draw without added attractions, just on its merit of play, then he needs no extras.

But if it takes gift hose, spectator contests, poseys for the gals, or some real good sideline comedy to keep his club active and kicking, then he is justified in going after the paying customers.

As we said in the beginning, if baseball is played as it should be played, then the game is sufficient reward for the fans; they will leave the park thrilled with their memory of the great performance.

But if the competition is tough and the team is not so hot and the fans remain away in droves, then, it would seem, that the wise owner would give with some extras, throw in a few laughs, add something different, maybe place a gal in the outfield, let grampa play third — anything to keep death away.

NAL Statistics

Standings	W	L	PCT.	B.A.	F.A.
Kansas City Monarchs	14	6	.700	.266	.965
Birmingham Black Barons	15	7	.682	.233	.945
Memphis Red Sox	6	14	.300	.231	.944
Indianapolis Clowns	6	14	.300	.259	.936

Top Batters	AB.	R	H	HR	RBI	PCT.
Neil, Indianapolis Clowns	57	14	22	1	17	.386
Johnson, Kansas City Monarchs	76	17	27	3	11	.355
Henderson, Kansas City Monarchs	79	17	28	0	9	.354
Dennis, Birmingham Black Baron	71	12	24	2	9	.338
Brooks, Birmingham Black Baron	85	27	28	1	7	.329
Higgins, Memphis Red Sox	56	10	18	2	11	.321
Drake, Indianapolis	82	13	25	3	21	.305
Toledo, Indianapolis	83	17	25	2	9	.301
Simms, Memphis	50	7	15	1	14	.300
Dennis, Birmingham Black Baron	71	12	24	2	19	.338

Individual Leaders

Doubles: Henderson, KC, 10; Neil, Indianapolis, 8.
Triples: Brooks, Birmingham, and Brown, Indianapolis, 4.
Homes Runs: Johnson, KC. Drake, Ind., Copper, KC, and Brewer KC, 3.

Runs: Brooks, Birmingham, 27, four players tied with 17 each.
Hits: Henderson, KC, and Brooks, Birmingham, 28, and Johnson, KC, 27.

Stolin Bases: Cooper, KC, 6, and Castile, Birmingham, 5.
Run Batted In: Drake, Ind., 21, and Dennis, Birmingham, 19.
Strickouts: Nunez, KC, 47, and Jackson, KC, 38.

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES (JUNE 28)

Kansas City Monarchs at Indianapolis Clowns
Memphis Red Sox at Birmingham Black Barons

From The ★ PRESS ★ BOX

By CAL JACOX

In '53 We'd Like To See . . .

MONTE IRVIN, THE NEW YORK Giants' and last year's hard luck baseball player, come through with his greatest performance to vindicate the faith the Giants front office and the sport experts have in his ability to pace the New Yorkers to a pennant this year . . . Sidelined by a broken ankle in spring training in '52, Irvin, who had starred in the world series the year before, was forced to stand idly by as his teammates lost out to the Brooklyn Dodgers . . . This year, the soothsayers are predicting that with him back the Giants will once again come in ahead of the pack. It's a heavy load to carry on his broad shoulders and only time will tell if he will live up to the advance notices.

MR. JACOX

Gene Baker, Jim Gilliam, Jim Pendleton and Bill Bruton show enough in spring training to capture berths on major league teams. If Baker succeeds he will become the first colored player on the roster of the Chicago Cubs . . . The New York Yankees back up their pious non-segregation statements by giving Vic Power, Kansas City outfielder, a thorough tryout this spring . . . Sammy Jethroe and Sad Sam Jones, who were baseball's flops of the year in '52, and Hank Rodriquez, a disappointment at third base, turn in better performances if they remain with the Boston Braves, the Cleveland Indians and the Chicago White Sox.

Big Luke Easter continue the magnificent comeback he launched after he was drafted to the Indianapolis Indians by Cleveland at mid-season and recalled two weeks later . . . Dave Hoskins and Joe Black roll on as baseball's up and coming young hurlers. Hoskins will be given a tryout by Cleveland this spring and Black will be in there striving to overcome the second year jinx that haunts the rookie stars . . . Minnie Minoso regain his stride after faltering slightly in his second year in the majors . . . Jackie Robinson, baseball's most misunderstood player, regain the good wishes of the fans who insist he is, at the moment, the game's biggest griper.

Althea Gibson, who was ecently moved up from 11th place to ninth place in the annual national rankings of the USLTA, justify the advance by coming down to earth and concentrating on her tennis . . . The CIAA take steps to appoint a commissioner who will have the power to enforce all rules and regulations without fear or favor . . . Ezzard Charles continue his march along the comeback trail and convince the skeptics that although he is no killer he is a highly capable fighter who deserves a better break than he is getting from the fans . . . Sugar Ray stay in retirement, Bild Gavilan get his match with Chuck Davey and end the suspense as to who is the better fighter, and Archie Moore wade through all challengers in his own division and then stop the undefeated string of heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano.

The Professional Golfers Association remove the restrictions on its amendment that allows colored golfers to become "approved entries" in its tournament and give them the unlimited privileges of other golfers who vie for PGA tournament prize money . . . The Negro American baseball loop enjoy its greatest year since the majors enticed its best talent into organized baseball . . The Washington Senators, Cincinnati Reds, the Detroit Tigers, the Philadelphia Phillies and other major league clubs who have stubbornly refused to consider colored talent relent and come up with some prospects this year and to top it off we would like to see the colored bowlers who will participate in the annual ABC tourney carry home some of the top prizes.

Here . . . And There

Basketball's rule makers, who seem to have a knack for making the game a helter-skelter picture of confusion, did themselves one better with their new rule which allows a second free throw if the first one is missed in the early minutes of a game following a foul and two free throws in the final two minutes if a foul is committed . . . All of the rule makers innovations have been made, they say, to improve the game but this one takes the cake. Designed to halt excessive fouling, the new rule has instead increased the number of foul shots per contest, made scores in the 90's and above 100 a daily occurrence and increased the playing time of a game 15 to 20 minutes.

Who will be the CIAA cage standout in '53 and national champion when the curtain rings down in March? From here, this corner sees a wide-open scramble for the CIAA crown and a breeze for Tennessee State in the national race . . . We took a look at Va. State, Va. Union, N. C. College and A. and T. in pre-holiday tilts and all four were unimpresive. However, from early season reports Winston-Salem's Rams and Hampton's Pirates could be the surprises of the campaign . . . In contrast, Tennessee State floored a terrific combination that looms as the classiest outfit in the land.

Johnny Kline, Charley Primas and Ernie Wagner are standouts on the Wayne University cage team . . . Joe Bertrand ditto for the Irish of Notre Dame University . . . St. Emma's basketball team set a new VIAL scoring mark in defeating Moton of Farmville, 122-13 in a pre-holiday tilt. Three players, William Rector (32), Ed Wilson (29) and Carl Jennings (27), tossed in 88 of the St. Emma points.

Marland Buckner, former cage star at N. C. College, and Charlie Hall, ex-Wilberforce standout, are members of the 1953-'53 Ft. Lee cage squad . . . Edmundo Amoras, Cuban outfielder, will return as a member of the Brooklyn Dodgers varsity in 1953. Amoras joined the Brooks late last season . . . Tidewater may suffer a lean year on the scholastic cage front.

Hoskins Helped 'Save' Texas

Negro Players Now No Novelty In Southern Baseball Leagues

ATLANTA, Jan. 29 (AP).—White and Negro athletes playing baseball together is old stuff in the Texas and Florida International Leagues, and the trend is spreading to other clubs in the segregation-minded South.

A survey by the Associated Press showed that at least 11 professional leagues across Dixie plan to use Negroes in 1953, or at least give them tryouts.

The most notable among several exceptions to the relaxation of racial barriers appeared to be the Class AA Southern Association. Birmingham, Ala., a Southern member, has a city ordinance barring mixed appearances, and at least one other city in the loop has an unwritten law to the same effect.

Several Negroes played in Texas and Florida last year, the most celebrated being Dave Hoskins, a pitcher for Dallas of the Class AA Texas League. Not only was he the league's leading pitcher, but also its greatest drawing card.

The tag "savior of the Texas League" has been applied to Hoskins, meaning had it not been for his popularity with the fans, attendance would have nosedived. As it was, the league's turnout almost equalled that of the previous year.

Tulsa, Oklahoma City and San Antonio also have Negroes coming up this season, as do teams in all seven leagues operating in Texas.

South Atlantic League fans are scheduled to get their first look at mixed teams this season. The Savannah, Ga., team already has signed two Negroes—Al Isreal, batting champion of the Interstate League with Harrisburg, Pa., and Fleming (Junior) Reedy, who was with Lincoln, Neb., of the Western League last year.

Some other clubs in the Class A Sally, which includes such traditionally southern cities as Charleston, S. C., and Montgomery, Ala., reportedly are considering giving Negroes tryouts.

There have been no public protests so far to Savannah's dropping of the racial bar. General Manager Tom Gordon of the Macon, Ga. club said:

"As far as Macon is concerned, that (use of Negroes) is something that will depend on the fans. . . . It will be interesting to watch the reaction of Macon fans and fans in other Sally League cities. . . . One thing is certain—the Negro ball player who first breaks into the Sally League will have to be an outstanding player, as has been the case in other leagues. He can't be just an ordinary ball player."

The Lake Charles, La., club in the Class B Golf Coast circuit used Negro Pitcher Sam Folkes last year and probably will have him back this season. Charlotte, of the Class B Tri-State, plans workouts for catcher Douglas McBeam, who last year was with Drummonsville, Quebec, and an unnamed pitcher from Havana of the Class B Flordia International.

Last year six of the eight Flordia International clubs used Negros and at least four of the six lined up for the 1953 season apparently will have mixed teams.

Tampa President Tom Spicola has four slated for spring training and he said if they make the grade he will use them. "The same goes anytime we find a colored player who is the best available for any position," he added.

Spicola said he believes mixed teams eventually will be common throughout baseball, but that it will be a slow, gradual process.

"You will have to get the right caliber players, and there just aren't that many Negro players available now," he said.

St. Petersburg, one of the two all-white FIL clubs last year, has a Puerto Rican Negro reporting this season—Carlos Santiago, an Army sergeant in Korea until December 15. Signed by St. Pete before he was drafted, Santiago hit .342 for Poughkeepsie, N. Y. in 1950.

"Negroes should be used is they are the best players for the position, not just because they will play cheaper than white men," said Vernon Eckert, president of the St. Pete club.

Newport News Signs Tan Duo

Dodger Farm 3rd In Piedmont Loop

NEWPORT NEWS, Va (ANP)—In a history making move last week, the Newport News Dodgers of the Piedmont League signed two colored players for the 1953 season.

The disclosure was made by Brooklyn Dodger farm director Fresco Thompson.

The two new men are Charlie Neal, utility infielder who is regarded as highly promising, and John Glenn, an outfielder. Neal hails from Long View, Texas, and Glenn from Moultrio, Ga.

Neal joined the baby Dodgers April 10 at their spring training camp in Vero Beach, Fla. Glenn is scheduled to report to the ball club before its season's opener with Richmond here April 23.

Neal From Saints

Last week's move made Newport News the third among Piedmont League clubs to abolish the color line in baseball. York engineered the move earlier after being admitted to the league with Hagerstown, Md. Portsmouth was the second club in the loop to erase the color bar.

According to Thompson, both players have better than even chances of making the grade in the Piedmont League. This was regarded especially true for Neal who was on the St. Paul American Association roster until last week.

Neighbors Meet In Opposite Camps

Neighbors back in New Jersey, Larry Doby (left) of the Cleveland Indians, chats with Monte Irvin at the Giants camp in Phoenix, Arizona, while Doby was still a holdout. The Indian outfield patroller has since signed and is in uniform.

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Campy Gets First Hit As Nationa Is Win, 5-1

(By Staff Correspondent)

CINCINNATI, O. — Their tremendous home - run threats minimized by a strong cross-wind, the National League All Stars put together a double, six singles, three walks, and a hit batsman to gain a 5-1 decision over the American League in the 20th annual major league classic at Crosley Field Tuesday.

A crowd of 30,846 sun-washed fans thus saw the senior loop hang up its fourth straight victory on slap hitting and shoo pitching.

The Brooklyn Dodgers' Pee Wee Reese and the St. Louis Cardinals' Enos Slaughter were the top guns in the winning cause, each delivering two hits and Reese contributing two runs batted in.

These two veteran clutchmen came through in a game in which the vaunted power of home run bashers like Ted Kluszewski, Eddie Mathews, Gus Bell, and Roy Campanella were completely throttled.

Minnie Minoso of the White Sox was the chief offensive weapon of the losers, collecting two of his team's five hits and batting across the lone AL counter in the ninth.

The Americans' first serious threat, as a matter of fact, didn't come until the seventh when Minoso, inserted into the game only an inning before, slashed a 3-2 pitch to right to send the Brown's Billy Hunter to third.

Both Minnie and Hunter, however, died on base as the Yankees' Yogi Berra ended the frame by flying to center.

Minnie's ninth inning single to center scored the White Soxs' Ferris Fain with the run that saved the Americans from the humiliation of a shut-out.

Hardest hit of the four AL moundsmen was Satchel Paige, venerable relief ace of the St. Louis Browns. Paige, called upon by manager Casey Stengel with the opposition ahead 3-0 was rapped for three hits and two runs in the lone inning he worked, the eighth.

Campy Hits Satchell

Irony of the situation here was that Paige, making his first appearance in the All - Star game, yet acknowledged to be one of baseball's all - time greats, became the first pitcher to surrender a hit to Campanella.

TOP MAN FOR AL — Leading offensive man for the defeated American League team in Tuesday's All-Star game at Cincinnati was Minnie Minoso, outfield star of the Chicago White Sox. Minoso drove in the AL's only run and collected two of his team's five hits.

Until his single through the box to open the eighth inning, Campy had gone hitless in all five of his All - Star game appearances.

Rov. in the meantime, continued his record breaking string of All - Star innings. Going all the way as the NL catcher, the Dodger star ran his classic mark to 32 consecutive innings. He has not been replaced behind the bat in an All - Star game since he took over from Andy Seminick in the fourth inning of the 1950 clash at Ebbets Field.

Doby Misses Homer

Jackie Robinson and Larry Doby each had one turn at bat during the contest. Robinson batted for the Phillies' Curt Simmons in the eighth and lofted to right field.

Doby, up in the AL ninth, sent Duke Snider, National League center fielder, to the base of the wall to break down his futile bid for a home run.

Campanella was credited with two sparkling plays afield. In the first inning he recovered quickly from a low pitch by Robin Roberts to throw out Billy Goodman attempting to steal second. Then in the third inning he ran into the shadow of the American League dugout to make a fine catch of a foul off the bat of Chico Carrasquel.

Negro Breaks Into Lineup Of Athletics

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 8 (AP)—The Philadelphia Athletics today called up the first Negro player to perform for a Philadelphia major league club, and announced that the big pitcher, Bob Trice from their Ottawa farm club in the International League, would get a starting assignment Sunday against the St. Louis Browns.

Trice, a 6 foot 3 righthander is the top star of the A's minor league system, owning a record of 20 wins and 10 losses in triple A competition this year.

The A's dropped into seventh place yesterday as the result of a double defeat by Boston, and are having a sad year at the gate as well. Trice's appearance should be a boost for the box office in a city with a large Negro population.

At the same time, General Manager Arthur Ehlers, asked to comment on a published report that Manager Jimmy Dykes may be replaced by Veteran Shortstop Eddie Joost, told a reporter that so far as he knows Dkyes will serve out at least his present contract which has another year to run.

The report, a story by Philadelphia Bulletin Sports Writer Ray Kelly, said "the inevitable rumors," are "being heard around town."

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Chicubs Add Two Negroes To System

CHICAGO, Sept. 8 (AP) — The Chicago Cubs today purchased Ernest Banks, star shortstop of the Kansas City Monarchs in the Negro American League, and he will report to the Cubs next Monday. The sum was not disclosed.

Banks, 22, probably will beat Shortstop Gene Baker of the Los Angeles Angels in a plane race to become the first Negro player in a Cub uniform.

Baker, recently purchased by the Cubs, will fly to Chicago when Los Angeles ends its Pacific Coast season Sunday. The Monarchs also end season play Sunday at Pittsburgh and Banks immediately will fly to Chicago.

The Cubs today also signed another Monarchs' player, Right-handed Pitcher Bill Dickey, for their Cedar Rapids, Iowa, club in the Class B Three I League next season.

Dodgers Tame Cards 14-0, 7-4 And Boost Lead To Three Games

Podres, Erskine Gain Triumphs

Brooklyn, July 17 (AP)—Brooklyn's power hitting Dodgers crushed the St. Louis Cardinals in a doubleheader tonight and stretched their National League lead to three games. The Dodgers took the first game 14-0, the most lop-sided shutout in the majors this season, and the second 7-4 on Jackie Robinson's two home runs.

The victories were the sixth and seventh in a row for the Dodgers over the Cards in Brooklyn this season.

The league leaders poured across seven runs in the first inning to decide the first game. Robinson sewed up the second in the eighth inning with a three run homer. He had opened the scoring in the second inning with another home run.

Rookie Johnny Podres and veteran Carl Erskine went the route for the Dodgers who picked up half a game on the second place Milwaukee Braves. Vinegar Bend Mizell, who got only one man out in the first game, and Hal White, who worked in relief in both contests, were the losers.

Billy Cox hit a grand slam home run in the fourth inning of the opener and Gil Hodges, who hit a grand slam last night, belted his 20th homer of the season with one on in the fifth. Both blows came off Ed Erautt, last of the Cardinal flingers.

First: Dodgers 14-0

St. L.	ab.	h.	po.	a.	Br'klyn	ab.	h.	po.	a.
Hemus s	3	0	2	5	Gilliam 2	5	3	2	2
Castigl'e 2	1	0	0	0	Reese s	1	1	1	1
Schoen't 2	2	0	0	0	Morgan 3	4	1	2	2
Schofield s	2	1	0	1	Robinson 1	3	1	1	0
Musial r	2	0	1	0	Antonello 1	1	0	2	0
Dunlap r	2	1	0	0	Campan'a c	5	2	5	0
Jablonski 3	3	2	1	3	Hodges 1b	1	1	3	1
Lowrey l	4	1	3	0	Belardi 1b	0	0	2	0
Rep'ski cf	4	1	3	0	Furillo r	5	2	6	0
Bilko 1b	3	0	7	1	Cox 3-s	4	2	1	1
Sisler 1b	1	0	2	0	Podres p	5	1	1	1
Rice c	1	0	1	0					
Yvars c	1	0	3	0					
Mizell p	0	0	0	0					
White p	0	0	0	0					
Clark p	0	0	0	0					
Erautt p	3	1	0	0					
Totals	32	7	24	10	Totals	38	14	27	8

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E—Bilko. RBI—Robinson, Campanella, Furillo 2, Gilliam, Reese 2, Cox 4, Hodges 2. 2BH—Robinson, Furillo, Repulski. HR—Cox, Hodges. DP—Gilliam, Reese and Hodges; Bilko, Hemus and Bilko; Gilliam, Cox and Belardi. LOB—St. L. 7; Br'klyn 9. BB—Off Mizell 2, White 2, Clark 1, Erautt 2, Podres 2. SO—By Clark 1, Erautt 3, Podres 5. H—Off Mizell, 2 in ⅓ inning; White, 2 in ⅓; Clark, 2 in ⅔; Erautt, 8 in 6⅔. HBP—By Clark (Robinson), Erautt (Hodges). Wild Pitch—Mizell, Podres. Passed Ball—Rice. WP—Podres (5-2). LP—Mizell (8-4).

Second: Dodgers 7-4

St. Louis.	ab.	h.	po.	a.	Brook.	ab.	h.	po.	a.
Hemus s	5	2	2	3	Gilliam 2	4	2	1	2
Schoen'st 2	5	0	3	2	Reese s	3	0	2	2
Musial l	3	1	5	0	Snider cf	3	1	2	0
Slaught'r r	4	0	2	0	Robinson l	4	2	2	0
Jablonski 3	4	2	0	1	Hodges 1b	4	1	8	0
‡Castig'e 3	0	0	0	0	Furillo r	3	0	3	0
Sisler 1b	4	0	8	1	Cox 3	3	1	2	2
Repulski cf	3	3	2	0	Walker c	2	0	4	0
Rice c	3	1	1	0	xCampa'a c	1	0	2	0
*Schofield	0	0	0	0	Erskine p	3	1	1	2
Yvars c	1	0	1	0					
Staley p	2	0	0	0					
†Lowrey	1	0	0	0					
White p	0	0	0	2					
§Anderson	1	0	0	0					
Totals	36	9	24	9	Totals	30	8	27	8

*Ran for Rice in 7th.
†Lined into double play for Staley in 7th.
‡Ran for Jablonski in 8th.
§Struck out for White in 9th.
xFlied out for Walker in 7th.

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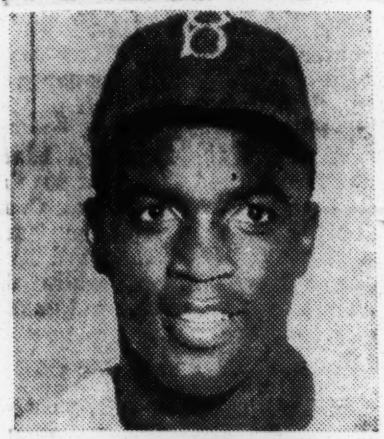
E—Walker, Hemus, Erskine 2. RBI—Robinson 4, Hodges, Gilliam 2, Hemus 2, Jablonski, Repulski. 2BH—Snider, Musial. 3BH—Hemus. HR—Robinson 2, Gilliam, Hemus. S—Reese. DP—Gilliam, Reese and Hodges; Schoendienst and Sisler; Cox and Gilliam. LOB—St. Louis 7. Brooklyn 2. BB—Off White 2, Erskine 2. SO—By Staley 1, White 1, Erskine 4. H—Off Staley, 6 in 6 innings; White, 2 in 2. Wild Pitch—Erskine. WP—Erskine (8-4). LF—White (3-5). A—29,793.



Jackie Robinson
Smashes Two Home Runs

Spahn, Braves Tame Bucs 8-2

Pittsburgh, July 17 (AP)—Southpaw Warren Spahn, making his first start since his stellar performance in the All-Star game, stopped the Pittsburgh Pirates 8-2 on four hits tonight for the Milwaukee Braves to rack up his 12th victory of the season.

Braves' shortstop Johnny Logan belted his eighth homer of the year with bases empty in the first inning. Lanky Bob Hall, the Pirate starter, was charged with his seventh loss.

Abrams Belts Triple

Spahn, who grabbed the victory in the National League's 5-1 triumph over the American League all stars, struck out nine and allowed only two bases on balls. Outfielder Cal Abrams collected the only extra base blow off the 32-year-old lefthander, a triple in the third and scored the Pirates' first run on an error by catcher Ebba St. Claire. Paul Smith got two singles and Eddie O'Brien one for other Pirate safeties.

Eddie Mathews' bases-loaded single in the third inning, scoring two runs, sewed up the game for Spahn. Bill Bruton also batted across a pair of runs with three sigles.

Second baseman Johnny O'Brien of the Pirates suffered a spike wound of the foot and was forced to leave the game in the fifth.

Braves 8-2

Milw.	ab.	h.	po.	a.	Pittsb.	ab.	h.	po.	a.
Bruton cf	5	3	3	0	Abrams r	3	1	2	0
Logan s	2	1	3	3	J. O'Brien 2	2	0	1	1
Mathews 3	5	1	2	2	*Pellagr'i 2	2	0	2	2
Gordon l	4	1	0	0	O'Connell	4	0	1	1
Pafko r	4	0	0	0	Rice l	4	0	1	0
Adcock 1b	5	2	10	1	Bernier cf	3	0	2	0
St. Claire c	5	1	7	2	Smith 1b	4	2	8	3
Dittmer 2	3	2	1	0	Sandlock c	3	0	7	2
Spahn p	3	1	1	1	§Thomas	1	0	8	8
					E. O'Brien s	2	1	1	4
					Hall p	0	0	1	0
					Lindell p	3	0	1	1
Totals	36	12	27	9	Totals	31	4	27	15

*Safe on error by Mathews in 5th.
§Struck out for Sandlock in 9th.

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E—E. O'Brien, St. Claire, Mathews. RBI—Logan, Mathews 2, Gordon, Adcock, Bruton 2. 2BH—Gordon. 3BH—Abrams. HR—Logan. SB—Bruton. S—Spahn, Abroms. LOB—Milw. 9; Pittsb. 5. BB—Off Hall 1, Lindell 6, Spahn 2. SO—By Hall 2, Lindell 5, Spahn 9. H—Off Hall, 4 in 2⅓ innings; Lindell, 8 in 6⅔. Wild Pitch—Hall, Lindell. PB—Sandlock 2. WP—Spahn (12-3). LP—Hall (3-7). A—11,565.

Caguas Nine Wants Williams

San Juan, Puerto Rico, July 17 (AP)—The Caguas baseball club is attempting to get Ted Williams to play baseball here next winter.

A club spokesman said today efforts to land Williams were begun when the Red Sox star expressed interest in playing in the Caribbean to get in shape for the 1954 season.

Perkowski, Reds Edge Phils 3-2

Philadelphia, July 17 (AP)—Lefty Harry Perkowski blunted the Philadelphia Phillies' bat in a tight pitching duel with Curt Simmons tonight and scored the winning run as the Cincinnati Redlegs broke the Phillies' seven-game winning streak, 3-2.

The husky Redleg southpaw got a scratch double along the third base line to open the eighth with the score tied, 2-2. Rocky Bridges sacrificed Harry to third and Bobby Adams' single to right scored the lefthander and insured his seventh win against the same number of losses.

The Phillies, who took a pre-game batting lecture from Redlegs manager Rogers Hornsby, evidently didn't learn too much although they outhit the visitors, 8 to 7. They couldn't produce in the clutch.

Hornsby stood at home plate before the game and discussed hitting techniques with a group of the Phillies—at their request. He said he had done the same thing in New York at the request of Giant Captain Alvin Dark. The lecture consisted of Hornsby's outlining his theories of batting and a question and answer period.

Redlegs 3-2

Cincin'ti	ab.	h.	po.	a.	Phild'a	ab.	h.	po.	a.
Bridges 2	3	1	1	5	Waitkus 1b	4	1	8	2
Adams 3	4	2	2	1	Ashburn cf	4	0	5	0
Bell cf	4	1	3	0	Clark r	4	1	1	0
Klus'ski 1b	4	0	11	0	Ennis l	4	2	1	0
Greengr's l	4	0	4	0	Hamner 2-s	4	2	4	2
Borko'ski r	3	2	0	0	Lopata c	3	0	4	1
Seminick c	4	0	3	0	*Burgess c	1	0	0	0
McMilan s	3	0	2	2	Jones 3	4	1	1	1
Perk'ski p	3	1	1	1	Kazanski s	2	0	1	1
King p	0	0	0	1	†Ryan 2	2	1	1	1
					Simmons p	2	0	1	2
					§Wyrostek	1	0	0	0
Totals	32	7	27	10	Totals	35	8	27	10

*Flied out for Lopata in 8th.
†Singled for Kazanski in 7th.
§Sturk out for Simmons in 9th.

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RBI—Ennis, Adams 2, Borkowski, Ryan. 2BH—Clark, Ennis, Bridges, Perkowski. 3BH—Hamner. SB—Ryan. S—Bridges. DP—Ryan, Hamner and Waitkus. LOB—Cin. 4, Phil. 7. BB—Off Simmons 1, Perkowski 1. SO—By Simmons 4, Perkowski 1, King 2. H—Off Perkowski, 6 in 7 innings; King, 2 in 2. WP—Perkowski (7-7). LP—Simmons (8-6). A—6,013.

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A's Move Up Negro Hurler

PHILADELPHIA —(AP)— Robert Lee Trice, big Negro righthanded pitcher for Ottawa of the International League, will join the Philadelphia Athletics and pitch his first American League game Sunday against the St. Louis Browns, the A's announced Tuesday.

Trice, with a 20-10 mound record with the A's farm team in the Triple-A loop, is rated a top choice to win three International League honors — Most Valuable Player, Rookie of the Year and All-Star team choice.

The 25-year-old one-time steelworker from Weirton, W. Va., will be the first Negro to play with a Philadelphia major league club.

(AP Wirephoto.)

AMERICAN LEAGUE HURLERS FOR ALL-STARS GAME—These are the American League pitchers chosen by Manager Casey Stengel to hurl in the All-Star game July 14 at Cincinnati's Crosley Field. (Left to right) are: Mike Garcia of Cleveland, Satchel Paige of St. Louis, Billy Pierce of Chicago, Allie Reynolds and Johnny Sain, both of New York, and Bob Lemon of Cleveland.

Casey Stengel Names Pitchers For American League All-Stars

CHICAGO, July 6 (AP) — Mike Garcia and Bob Lemon, of Cleveland . . . Allie Reynolds and Johnny Sain, of New York . . . Satchel Paige, of St. Louis . . . Billy Pierce, of Chicago.

Those are Casey Stengel's pitching selections, announced today, for the annual All-Star baseball game in Cincinnati July 14. Stengel is the American League manager by virtue of his position as pilot of the defending pennant winners, the New York Yankees.

He also released through American League headquarters today supporting players for the starting lineup chosen by fans in the countrywide poll which ended at midnight Friday.

The eight ballot winners are Mickey Vernon, Washington, first base; Billy Goodman, Boston, second base; Al Rosen, Cleveland, third base; Chico Carrasquel, Chicago, shortstop; Gus Zernial, Philadelphia, left field; Mickey Mantle, New York, center field; Hank Bauer, New York, right field, and Yogi Berra, New York, catcher.

The Brooklyn Dodgers' manager, Charley Dressen, will announce tomorrow his National League pitching choices and supporting players for the fans' lineup.

Rounding out his 25-man squad for the All-Star game, Stengel named the following players to back the starting eight men who must play a minimum of three innings:

Infielders—Ferris Fain, Chicago; Nelson Fox, Chicago; Bill Hunter, St. Louis; George Kell, Boston; Harvey Kuenn, Detroit; Johnny Mize, New York; Phil Rizzuto, New York; Eddie Robinson, Philadelphia.

Outfielders — Larry Doby, Cleveland; Minnie Minoso, Chicago.

Catcher—Sam White, Boston.

In addition, Stengel chose Lou Boudreau, Boston Red Sox manager, and the Yankees' Jim Turner as coaches; Mel Harder, of Cleveland and George Myatt, of Washington, as batting practice pitcher; George Susce, of Boston, as batting practice catcher, and Jack Homel, of Detroit, as trainer.

Stengel didn't indicate which of his six pitching choices would start the game. By All-Star rules, no pitcher may play more than three innings unless the game goes into extra innings. In that case, the pitcher on the mound at the end of nine innings may continue.

Neil Holds Offensive Lead In NAL

CHICAGO — Ray Neil, Indianapolis, continued to set the pace in two divisions of the Negro American League, according to weekly statistics compiled by the Howe News Bureau.

Neil is first in batting with an average of .391 and has stolen eight bases for first place in that department.

Ernie Johnson, Kansas City, is leading in three departments: total hits at 52, total bases at 87, home runs with six and is tied for triples with Eddie Brooks Birmingham, at five.

Verdes Drake, Indianapolis, has driven in the most runs with a total of 33. Duke Henderson, Kansas City is tops in runs scored with 38 and in doubles with 13.

Berto Nunez, Kansas City, is the leading pitcher in the loop with a record of seven victories and only one loss. His teammate John Jackson has won six games and is charged with only one loss.

Pierce, Five Other Hurlers on List of 17

Casey Stengel yesterday announced thru the American league office an addition of 17 players, including four White Sox, to the league team which will meet the National league in the All-Star game in Cincinnati July 14.

Casey, who will manage the American stars, selected Pitcher Billy Pierce, Infielders Ferris Fain and Nelson Fox and Outfielder Minnie Minoso to give the Sox a five player representation on the team. Shortstop Chico Carrasquel was voted to the starting lineup by the nation's fans.

Other pitchers nominated were Cleveland's Mike Garcia and Bob Lemon, Leroy Paige of the Browns, and Allie Reynolds and Johnny Sain of the Yankees.

Mize, Rizzuto Added

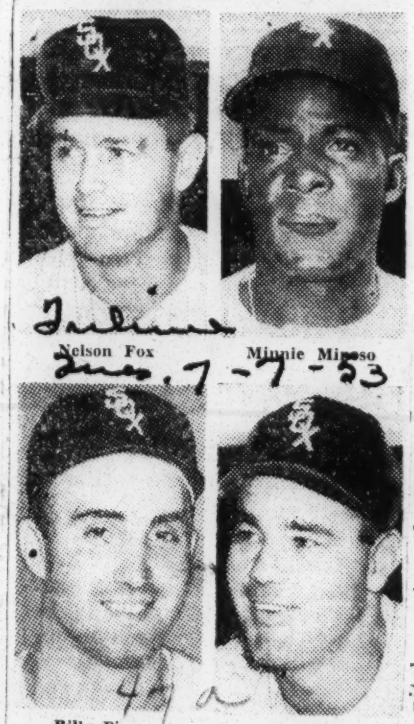
Stengel's selections also included Sammy White, Red Sox catcher; Infielders George Kell of the Red Sox; Harvey Kuenn, Tiger rookie; Bill Hunter, Browns; Johnny Mize and Phil Rizzuto of the Yankees; Eddie Robinson, Athletics, and Outfielder Larry Doby of the Indians.

The eight American league players voted All-Star starting positions by 4,430,338 fans in the poll conducted by THE TRIBUNE and 209 associated newspapers and radio stations were Mickey Vernon, Senators, first base; Billy Goodman, Red Sox, second base; Al Rosen, Indians, third base; Carrasquel; Gus Zernial, Athletics, left field; Mickey Mantle, Yankees, center field; Hank Bauer, Yankees, right field, and Yogi Berra, Yankees, catcher.

A. L. Coaches Named

Coaches will be Lou Boudreau, Red Sox manager, and Jim Turner of the Yankees. Mel Harder, Indians' coach, and George Myatt, Senators' coach, will be the batting practice pitchers. George Susce of the Red Sox will be the batting practice catcher. Jack

All-Stars, Too!



Nelson Fox, Minnie Minoso, Billy Pierce, Ferris Fain

Four members of the White Sox named by Manager Casey Stengel to American league All-Star team yesterday.

Homel of Detroit has been named trainer.

Wear Road Regalia

The American league players as the visiting team will wear their road uniforms.

Stengel has two restrictions in handling the team. The eight players selected by the fans will start the game, and play a minimum of three innings, barring injury or illness. No pitcher is to remain in the game for a period longer than three innings. However, should the game go into extra innings, the pitcher who is in the game at the end of the ninth may continue to pitch at the discretion of Stengel. If a pitcher enters the game after the commencement of an inning, that part inning will not be included in his three innings.

IN CAMPANELLA GAME

First Negro Cracker Plays Here Tonight

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When Roy Campanella's All-Stars play the Negro American Leaguers tonight at 8:15, Nat Peeples will gain the distinction of being the first Atlanta Cracker-owned Negro player ever to perform at Ponce de Leon Park.

Peeples, who'll be stationed in the American Leaguers outfield, is one of two Negro players recently added to the Atlanta roster. The other is Winston Brown, a pitcher purchased from Fort Lauderdale.

The 27-year-old Peeples spent the past season with Evansville of the Three I League and hit .329.

Prospects of Peeples, or some other Negro playing with Atlanta next season, set off a controversy a few days ago when Milwaukee assigned the outfielder here.

Atlanta President Earl Mann has not said that Peeples will stay with the club next spring even if he measures up to double A standards. On the other hand, Mann hasn't said he won't.

The Campanella team is loaded with well-known major leaguers, including Don Newcombe. The former Brooklyn ace, who'll be discharged from the Army in a few days, is expected to hurl at least three innings.

Campanella has named Connie Johnson, Chicago White Sox, to start the exhibition contest. Johnson, who lives in Stone Mountain, graduated to the Chisox last season.

Campanella, generally considered the best catcher in baseball, will be behind the plate. Hal Simpson, Cleveland outfielder from Dalton; Larry Doby, also of the Indians; Milwaukee's Bill Bruton, George Crowe and Jim Pendleton and Brooklyn's Joe Black are other familiar players on Campy's club.

The game here winds up the U. S. portion of the Campanella tour. The club will fly to Honolulu Saturday morning and open a tour of Hawaii Sunday.

Second Negro To Get Trial With Crackers

Courier

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Nat Peeples, first Negro signed to a contract in the Southern Association last week, will have company when he reports to the Atlanta Crackers next season.

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Winston Brown, a pitcher, who made his debut in organized baseball with Atlanta's farm at Fort Lauderdale (Florida-International), where he posted a terrific mark of 18 wins and 8 defeats.

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Brown, who is 18 years of age, is a native of Panama.

While Negroes have never played in the Southern Association, they competed in the Dixie Series for the first time this fall when Dallas used Willie Brown and Buzz Clarkson against Nashville.

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ERNEST BANKS
CHICAGO CUBS

Cubs Buy Negro

CHICAGO, Sept. 8 (AP)—The Chicago Cubs today purchased Ernest Banks, star shortstop of the Kansas City Monarchs in the Negro American League, and he will report to the Cubs next Monday.

BATTING AVERAGES OF MAJOR LEAGUERS

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	PCT.
Roy Campanella, Bklyn. Dodgers	100	24	37	12	43	.370
Jackie Robinson, Bklyn. Dodgers	87	24	28	2	13	.322
Monte Irvin, New York Giants	106	13	31	5	18	.292
Junior Gilliam, Bklyn. Dodgers	100	19	29	0	10	.290
Bill Bruton, Milwaukee Braves	98	13	28	1	6	.286
Harry Simpson, Cleveland Indians	65	10	18	3	7	.277
Orestes Minoso, Chicago White Sox	109	25	28	1	13	.257
Larry Doby, Cleveland Indians	90	12	21	4	14	.233
Henry Thompson, New York Giants	30	4	6	2	3	.200

Batting Averages Of Negro Major Leaguers

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	PCT.
Roy Campanella, Bklyn. Dodgers	169	41	54	17	55	.320
Jackie Robinson, Bklyn. Dodgers	160	39	50	4	27	.313
Monte Irvin New York Giants	168	27	51	10	33	.304
Harry Simpson, Cleveland Indians	91	12	27	3	7	.291
Henry Thompson, New York Giants	91	18	26	7	18	.286
Bill Bruton, Milwaukee Braves	191	25	53	1	13	.277
Orestes Minoso, Chicago White Sox	167	38	46	1	18	.275
Junior Gilliam, Brooklyn Dodgers	188	55	50	1	14	.266
Larry Doby, Cleveland Indians	158	25	40	9	28	.253

Major League Averages

By The Associated Press.

National League

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

	G.	AB.	R.	H.	HR.	RBI.	SB.	PC.
Hofman, N Y	12	23	5	10	3	5	0	.435
Wyrostek, Phila	55	117	21	41	2	17	0	.350
Schoendienst, St.L	52	222	44	77	9	31	0	.347
Robinson, Bklyn	51	181	44	62	4	33	6	.343
Bell, Cin	46	162	37	62	14	37	0	.341
Borkowski, Cin	28	69	14	23	5	12	0	.333
Cox, Bklyn	25	66	10	22	2	11	0	.333
Nicholson, Phila	18	59	11	13	2	15	0	.333
Mathews, Mil	51	186	41	61	19	51	1	.328
Crandall, Mil	37	117	22	38	5	18	2	.325
Ashburn, Phila	48	192	33	61	2	17	2	.318
Irvin, N Y	48	186	29	59	11	37	0	.317
Greengrass, Cin	48	194	31	61	8	35	4	.314
Thompson, N Y	34	102	24	32	10	22	0	.314
McCullough, Chi	17	45	3	14	1	2	0	.311
Snider, Bklyn	52	203	45	63	11	42	7	.310
Furillo, Bklyn	47	155	23	48	6	34	1	.310
Cooper, Mil	15	39	3	12	0	2	0	.308
Hodges, Bklyn	48	161	32	49	9	37	0	.304
Noble, N Y	13	33	9	10	2	7	1	.303
Marquis, Cin	27	53	8	10	2	3	0	.303
Lockman, N Y	50	199	22	60	2	23	1	.302
Abrams, Pitt	43	149	23	45	5	12	1	.302
Torgeson, Phila	48	176	32	53	4	29	5	.301
Slaughter, St. L	49	166	23	50	2	30	2	.301
Campanella, Bklyn	51	184	42	55	17	56	3	.299
Clark, Phila	23	74	13	22	0	4	1	.297
Thomson, N Y	50	201	26	59	8	33	2	.294
Bilko, St. L	52	197	26	58	7	36	0	.294
Mueller, N Y	37	119	13	35	1	13	0	.294
Kluszewski, Cin	46	181	31	53	17	41	1	.293
Williams, N Y	49	193	28	56	3	22	1	.290
Ryan, Phila	45	176	32	51	4	16	4	.290
Smalley, Chi	35	121	11	35	5	14	0	.289
Morgan, Bklyn	18	45	7	13	1	9	1	.289
Adams, Cin	46	184	30	53	3	17	2	.288
Baumholtz, Chi	38	155	17	44	0	5	1	.284
Dark, N Y	50	212	36	60	4	22	1	.283
Adcock, Mil	51	199	15	56	3	21	0	.281
Reese, Bklyn	52	200	42	56	4	21	10	.280
Kiner, Pitt-Chi	51	179	33	50	12	36	1	.279
Jablonski, St. L	52	205	22	57	7	39	0	.278
Hemus, St. L	52	206	34	57	4	22	1	.277
Gordon, Mil	51	188	32	52	9	36	0	.277
Yvars, N Y	23	47	1	13	0	1	0	.277
Jackson, Chi	39	123	15	34	7	16	3	.276
Sauer, Chi	47	171	25	47	6	25	0	.275
Pellagrini, Pitt	26	51	8	14	2	6	0	.275
Logan, Mil	51	201	38	55	6	29	0	.274
Bruton, Mil	51	216	30	59	1	14	11	.273
Fondy, Chi	45	176	19	48	6	26	5	.273
Sandlock, Pitt	28	81	4	22	0	6	0	.272
Pafko, Mil	51	200	30	54	8	27	0	.270
Ennis, Phila	44	163	22	44	10	37	0	.270
Lowrey, St. L	33	63	10	17	3	11	0	.270
Dittmer, Mil	51	197	22	53	4	27	0	.269
Repulski, St. L	50	165	22	44	1	10	1	.267
O'Connell, Pitt	49	174	24	46	3	22	1	.264
Gilliam, Bklyn	52	210	41	55	2	19	8	.262
Thomas, Pitt	35	104	15	27	7	24	0	.260
Smith, Pitt	53	193	18	50	1	18	0	.259
D. Rice, St. L	50	159	17	41	3	18	0	.258
Shuba, Bklyn	29	70	11	18	2	14	0	.257
Burgess, Phila	31	90	7	23	0	17	2	.256
Hamner, Phila	47	186	25	47	6	32	1	.253
Musial, St. L	52	199	31	50	5	26	0	.251
Bernier, Pitt	40	116	22	29	2	16	6	.250
Miksis, Chi	48	205	22	51	1	11	6	.249
Cole, Pitt	50	142	18	35	0	9	1	.246
Marshall, Cin	40	126	18	31	6	18	0	.246
Jeffcoat, Chi	31	49	6	12	0	4	0	.245
Landrith, Cin	22	62	5	15	0	6	0	.242
Thompson, Bklyn	30	72	9	17	0	6	0	.236
Atwell, Chi-Pitt	30	90	11	21	1	11	0	.233
Temple, Cin	30	73	7	17	1	5	0	.233
Garagiola, Pit-Ch.	36	102	10	23	2	14	1	.225
Jones, Phila	44	135	23	29	9	26	0	.215
Lopata, Phila	27	70	11	15	1	6	1	.214
Serena, Chi	32	94	13	20	2	16	0	.213
Westrum, N Y	27	66	12	14	3	7	0	.212
Seminick, Cin	33	100	15	21	6	13	1	.210
Castiglione, Pitt	45	159	14	33	4	21	1	.208
Ward, Chi-Pitt	44	142	16	29	4	12	4	.204
Spencer, N Y	31	108	17	22	6	20	0	.204
Bridges, Cin	29	98	7	20	0	9	2	.204
McMillan, Cin	49	173	17	35	3	10	0	.202
Gilbert, N Y	27	72	7	14	2	8	0	.194
Hermanski, Ch-Pit.	23	53	2	9	1	4	1	.170

PITCHING RECORDS

	G.	IP.	H.	BB.	SO.	W.	L.	PC.
Smith, Cin	20	42	50	12	22	5	0	1.000
Burdette, Mil	14	40	37	20	12	4	0	1.000
Milliken, Bklyn	10	29	17	9	14	3	0	1.000
Surkont, Mil	12	84	80	33	46	8	1	.889
Spahn, Mil	9	69	66	20	28	7	1	.875
Staley, St. L	15	85	79	19	35	8	2	.800
Loes, Bklyn	12	81	81	20	35	7	2	.778
Roberts, Phila	14	122	93	20	64	10	3	.769
Antonelli, Mil	13	60	46	24	44	6	2	.750
Ridzik, Phila	15	35	30	11	13	3	1	.750
Erskine, Bklyn	15	80	76	38	55	5	2	.714
Mizell, St. L	9	60	46	34	53	5	2	.714
Black, Bklyn	17	37	35	16	17	5	2	.714
Haddix, St. L	12	79	71	24	53	6	3	.667
Corwin, N Y	15	39	46	25	19	4	2	.667
Buhl, Mil	8	33	30	21	18	4	2	.667
Hall, Pitt	9	46	42	20	23	2	1	.667
Lown, Chi	10	33	40	24	19	2	1	.667
Lidle, Mil	9	32	23	19	13	2	1	.667
Labine, Bklyn	9	17	18	8	7	2	1	.667
Simmons, Phila	11	90	64	34	58	7	4	.636
Konstanty, Phila	11	59	70	18	17	5	3	.625
Roe, Bklyn	9	50	60	8	24	3	2	.600
Nuxhall, Cin	8	30	28	23	7	3	2	.600
Meyer, Bklyn	12	70	78	23	31	4	3	.571
Wilhelm, N Y	28	62	47	32	29	4	3	.571
Jansen, N Y	13	79	83	24	34	6	5	.545
Hearn, N Y	12	81	78	41	38	4	4	.500
Maglie, N Y	10	61	65	27	41	3	3	.500
Church, Cin-Chi	11	44	55	19	12	3	3	.500
Brazle, St. L	22	36	28	17	24	3	3	.500
Wade, Bklyn	10	28	23	12	19	3	3	.500
Padres, Bklyn	13	38	41	23	24	2	2	.500
Dickson, Pitt	17	73	92	20	34	5	6	.455
Podbielan, Cin	11	79	80	33	32	4	5	.444
Presko, St. L	11	65	63	23	22	4	5	.444
Klippstein, Chi	3	57	56	33	38	4	5	.444
LaPalme, Pitt	12	63	73	19	29	3	5	.375
Rush, Chi	11	58	59	18	26	3	6	.333
Wilson, Mil	10	58	49	19	35	2	4	.333
Hetki, Pitt	19	45	49	9	14	1	2	.333
Miller, St. L	17	45	52	17	29	1	2	.333
Gomez, N Y	5	31	33	26	19	1	2	.333
Leonard, Chi	14	21	23	12	11	1	2	.333
Pettit, Pitt	7	16	22	13	7	1	2	.333
Kipper, Phila	3	14	19	2	4	1	2	.333
Drews, Phila	15	61	82	15	24	2	5	.286
Minner, Chi	11	64	75	20	18	2	6	.250
Wehmeier, Cin	11	35	41	23	13	1	3	.250
Lindell, Pitt	11	82	68	57	50	2	8	.200
Bickford, Mil	7	29	34	18	13	1	4	.200
Hacker, Chi	13	84	75	21	31	2	10	.167
Perkowski, Cin	10	42	53	19	20	1	5	.167
Raffensberger, Cin	9	52	68	13	12	1	6	.143
Friend, Pitt	12	56	75	21	19	1	7	.125
King, Cin	13	27	34	18	4	0	3	.000
Chambers, St. L	8	16	16	8	5	0	3	.000
Schultz, Chi-Pitt	11	19	24	15	5	0	4	.000
Koslo, N Y	12	45	45	17	17	0	6	.000

CLUB BATTING

	G.	R.	H.	2B.	3B.	HR.	RBI.	SB.	PC.
Brooklyn	52	318	495	81	20	61	298	37	.282
New York	50	246	483	56	14	55	236	6	.279
St. Louis	52	251	487	95	16	43	238	4	.274
Milwaukee	51	264	476	71	19	61	246	14	.271
Philadelphia	48	246	438	68	16	41	227	17	.270
Cincinnati	49	242	447	80	13	68	226	10	.262
Chicago	48	173	402	57	18	40	164	19	.247
Pittsburgh	54	221	421	60	22	38	207	14	.239

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INDIVIDUAL BATTING

	G.	AB.	R.	H.	HR.	RBI.	SB.	PC.
Souchock, Det	15	37	5	13	2	10	0	.351
Mantle, N Y	49	191	49	66	9	44	5	.346
Berry, St. L	23	29	10	10	0	5	0	.345
Kell, Bos	42	151	27	52	3	24	3	.344
Vernon, Wash	53	204	35	68	3	32	2	.333
Suder, Phila	44	179	24	59	1	12	2	.330
Bauer, N Y	40	135	24	44	3	24	1	.326
Mize, N Y	25	43	3	14	1	13	0	.326
Collins, N Y	39	117	28	38	7	21	1	.325
Moss, St. L	32	102	13	33	1	16	0	.324
Mullin, Det	29	37	1	12	0	6	0	.324
Woodling, N Y	46	152	25	49	3	27	1	.322
Nieman, Det	53	203	30	65	7	25	0	.320
Rosen, Clev	48	181	25	58	12	37	1	.320
Bollweg, N Y	21	50	9	16	2	8	1	.320
Wilber, Bos	17	25	7	8	3	8	0	.320
Westlake, Clev	18	45	8	14	2	9	0	.311
Strickland, Clev	19	58	8	18	0	2	0	.310
Goodman, Bos	31	121	19	37	1	7	0	.306
Batts, Det	38	135	12	41	2	21	0	.304
Tipton, Clev	15	46	7	14	4	5	0	.304
Ginsberg, Det	18	53	6	16	0	3	0	.302
Mele, Chi	49	163	23	49	3	28	1	.301
Simpson, Clev	33	100	14	30	4	9	0	.300
Wilson, Chi	29	64	11	19	0	2	0	.297
Umphlett, Bos	41	149	15	44	1	18	4	.295
Kuenn, Det	54	239	26	70	1	13	1	.293
Zernial, Phila	51	192	32	56	15	31	1	.292
Minoso, Chi	52	180	41	52	1	19	10	.289
Renna, N Y	22	45	7	13	1	6	0	.289
McDougald, N Y	41	153	22	44	3	34	0	.288
Kryhoski, St. L	42	132	15	38	7	16	0	.288
Hunter, St. L	54	186	22	53	0	13	1	.285
Kennedy, Clev	33	60	9	17	1	9	0	.283
Fain, Chi	54	196	29	55	4	23	1	.281
Busby, Wash	53	211	25	59	5	32	3	.280
Rivera, Chi	54	208	24	58	3	27	12	.279
Lollar, Chi	37	111	18	31	5	17	0	.279
Demaestri, Phila	17	43	8	12	2	5	0	.279
Young, St. L	54	208	22	57	1	12	0	.274
Vollmer, Bos-Wash.	46	164	31	45	3	39	0	.274
Delsing, Det	46	154	26	42	4	20	1	.273
Lund, Det	44	154	22	42	1	13	0	.273
McGhee, Phila	32	114	5	31	0	14	0	.272
Rizzuto, N Y	49	174	23	47	0	17	0	.270
Wright, Chi	29	63	7	17	1	10	0	.270
Lennardt, St. L	22	52	4	14	1	5	0	.269
Avila, Clev	48	179	25	48	4	21	1	.268
Piersall, Bos	53	221	29	59	1	18	4	.267
White, Bos	50	185	21	49	4	24	2	.266
Evers, Bos	32	109	17	29	7	14	0	.266
Carrasquel, Chi	54	200	20	53	1	22	2	.265
Mitchell, Clev	41	147	19	39	4	17	2	.265
Philley, Phila	54	213	31	56	3	22	7	.263
Michaels, Phila	38	133	16	35	3	12	4	.263
Jensen, Wash	53	195	32	51	5	30	4	.262
Fitz Gerald, Wash.	19	65	6	17	0	7	1	.262
Gernert, Bos	51	189	25	49	8	27	0	.259
Elliott, St. L	47	156	19	40	5	29	0	.256
Edwards, St. L	28	43	3	11	0	5	0	.256
Terwilliger, Wash.	53	193	31	49	2	19	1	.254
Runnels, Wash	50	173	24	44	0	21	0	.254
Noren, N Y	29	79	19	20	5	19	0	.253
Bolling, Bos	46	156	12	39	2	16	0	.250
Silvera, N Y	18	44	5	11	0	3	0	.250
Groth, St. L	54	210	23	52	4	25	4	.248
Kokos, St. L	33	73	10	18	2	9	0	.247
Berra, N Y	41	138	24	34	5	23	0	.246
Fox, Chi	54	221	19	54	1	24	1	.244
Robinson, Phila	54	213	19	52	6	33	0	.244
Joost, Phila	45	160	34	39	6	13	3	.244
Doby, Clev	48	169	25	41	9	29	1	.243
Hatfield, Det	46	152	16	37	0	10	3	.243
Boone, Clev	33	111	21	27	4	21	1	.243
Murray, Phila	22	75	4	18	1	9	0	.240
Yost, Wash	53	197	35	47	3	11	3	.239
Martin, N Y	49	208	32	49	4	19	4	.236
Baker, Wash-Bos.	33	82	5	19	0	7	0	.232
Astroth, Phila	34	108	9	25	0	13	1	.231
Wertz, St. L	50	174	24	40	7	25	1	.230
Hegan, Clev	36	100	24	40	7	25	1	.230
Krsnich, Chi	30	71	6	16	1	9	0	.225
Dropo, Det	52	214	23	48	4	36	0	.224
Lepcio, Bos	22	76	6	17	3	9	0	.224
Pesky, Det	33	72	7	16	0	4	0	.222
Priddy, Det	23	68	4	15	0	14	1	.221
Stephens, Bos	45	149	15	32	2	12	1	.215
Dyck, St. L	42	131	16	28	2	9	2	.214
Babe, N Y-Phila.	33	122	8	26	2	11	0	.213

PITCHING RECORDS

	G.	IP.	H.	BB.	SO.	W.	L.	PC.
Ford, N Y	12	75	58	39	36	7	0	1.000
Lopat, N Y	8	61	61	13	16	6	0	1.000
Hooper, Clev	14	20	13	15	6	4	0	1.000
Stuart, St. L	17	32	39	17	14	3	0	1.000
Moreno, Wash	8	31	31	13	12	3	0	1.000
Shea, Wash	6	46	36	24	12	4	1	.800
Sain, N Y	12	87	78	20	37	7	2	.778
Fricano, Phila	11	52	41	20	17	3	1	.750
Kinder, Bos	21	32	24	15	11	3	1	.750
Hoskins, Clev	7	26	22	15	14	3	1	.750
Parnell, Bos	13	95	95	48	40	8	3	.727
Brown, Bos	11	65	65	17	29	5	2	.714
Reynolds, N Y	15	55	56	19	25	5	2	.714
Garcia, Clev	13	97	86	33	37	7	3	.700
Pierce, Chi	12	83	75	39	54	6	3	.667
Dorish, Chi	22	60	47	22	25	4	2	.667
Nixon, Bos	7	42	30	21	23	2	1	.667
Scarborough, N Y	11	29	21	16	11	2	1	.667
Gorman, N Y	12	20	14	4	8	2	1	.667
Marrero, Wash	9	69	63	20	39	5	3	.625
McDermott, Bos	11	63	49	40	37	6	4	.600
Lemon, Clev	13	101	78	40	41	7	5	.583
Porterfield, Wash.	12	91	96	37	29	7	5	.583
Wynn, Clev	12	88	80	37	39	5	4	.556
Trucks, St. L	16	88	83	32	47	5	4	.556
Kellner, Phila	12	100	92	24	31	6	5	.545
Dobson, Chi	14	74	64	27	41	4	4	.500
Raschi, N Y	10	57	54	23	24	3	3	.500
Bishop, Phila	13	55	45	32	17	3	3	.500
Fornieles, Chi	15	51	57	23	19	2	2	.500
McDonald, N Y	6	19	28	9	4	2	2	.500
Byrd, Phila	13	79	89	47	34	5	6	.455
Garver, Det	11	83	102	29	22	4	5	.444
Hoeft, Det	8	60	62	19	26	3	4	.429
Littlefield, St. L	11	56	62	25	34	3	4	.429
Martin, Phila	13	49	51	19	13	3	4	.429
Masterson, Wash.	12	70	58	31	43	4	6	.400
Feller, Clev	9	65	61	25	20	2	3	.400
Dixon, Wash	16	56	51	16	21	2	3	.400
Madison, Det	18	39	43	29	16	2	3	.400
Bearden, Chi	14	36	27	22	12	2	3	.400
Shantz, Phila	9	67	65	22	32	3	5	.375
Hudson, Bos	8	60	70	17	22	2	4	.333
Grissom, Bos	8	48	49	21	27	2	4	.333
Holloman, St. L	13	34	35	25	14	2	4	.333
Cain, St. L	13	30	36	18	4	1	2	.333
Harrist, Chi-Det	13	24	25	13	4	1	2	.333
Keegan, Chi	5	18	24	8	9	1	2	.333
Stobbs, Wash	10	44	46	13	18	2	5	.286
Houtteman, Det	16	69	87	29	27	2	6	.250
Larsen, St. L	12	70	76	21	34	1	3	.250
Paige, St. L	25	44	35	17	21	1	3	.250
Pillette, St. L	8	38	52	11	11	1	3	.250
Rogovin, Chi	12	64	83	23	31	2	8	.200
Marlowe, Det	16	53	52	16	18	1	4	.200
Schelb, Phila	16	47	46	16	11	1	4	.200
Blyzka, St. L	14	44	43	29	11	1	4	.200
Freeman, Bos	12	31	37	11	10	1	4	.200
Brecheen, St. L	10	29	30	19	14	1	7	.125

CLUB BATTING

	G.	R.	H.	2B.	3B.	HR.	RBI.	SB.	PC.
New York	49	296	486	67	11	47	283	13	.282
Boston	54	225	499	59	15	36	207	17	.267
Cleveland	48	220	413	57	7	53	213	8	.262
Detroit	54	220	497	82	17	27	209	6	.280
Washington	53	241	451	73	17	26	226	15	.256
Chicago	54	227	458	86	12	22	212	28	.253
St. Louis	54	211	459	86	9	31	192	9	.248
Philadelphia	54	211	453	66	9	40	196	19	.246

CLUB FIELDING

	E.	DP.	PC.
St. Louis	36	40	.982
Milwaukee	43	46	.978
Brooklyn	43	56	.978
New York	47	50	.977
Pittsburgh	55	55	.975
Cincinnati	46	53	.970
Philadelphia	55	53	.965
Chicago	66		

CLUB FIELDING

	E.	DP.	PC.
Boston	67	83	.976
Cleveland	55	49	.975
Detroit	57	58	.973
St. Louis			
Triple play—Washington.			

Records include games played Friday, June 12.

Batting Averages

YANKEES

	AB.	H.	PC.
Mantle	194	67	.345
Gorman	3	1	.333
Woodling	156	51	.327
Mize	43	14	.326
Bauer	137	44	.321
Collins	122	39	.320
Bollweg	50	16	.320
Carey	25	8	.320
Renna	45	13	.289
McDougald	157	44	.280
Rizzuto	177	48	.271
Noren	82	22	.268
Sain	35	9	.257
Silvera	44	11	.250
Lopat	28	7	.250
Berra	143	35	.245
Martin	213	50	.235
Reynolds	15	3	.200
Ford	26	5	.192
Houk	6	1	.167
Scarborough	10	1	.100
Raschi	17	1	.059
Kuzava	0	0	.000
Schult	0	0	.000
Blackwell	4	0	.000
McDonald	7	0	.099

Team batting—1,765, 496, .281. Home runs—46.

GIANTS

	AB.	H.	PC.
Hiller	1	1	1.000
Calderone	11	5	.455
Hofman	23	10	.435
Gomez	10	4	.400
Irvin	186	59	.317
Thompson	102	32	.314
Noble	33	10	.303
Lockman	199	60	.302
Thomson	201	59	.294
Mueller	119	35	.294
Williams	193	56	.290
Wilhelm	14	4

NEGRO MAJOR LEAGUERS BATTING AVERAGES

Atlanta wired

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	PCT.
Luke Easter, Cleveland Indians	40	8	14	1	7	.350
Jackie Robinson, Bklyn. Dodgers	218	48	71	4	40	.335
Monte Irvin, N. Y. Giants	241	40	75	12	47	.311
Orestes Minoso, Chicago White Sox	240	53	74	4	38	.308
Henry Thompson, N. Y. Giants	144	31	43	10	29	.299
Roy Campanella, Bklyn. Dodgers	233	50	69	19	64	.296
Jim Pendleton, Milwaukee Braves	64	19	18	1	8	.281
Rafael Noble, N. Y. Giants	43	9	12	2	7	.279
Bill Bruton, Milwaukee Braves	271	38	74	1	23	.273
Larry Doby, Cleveland Indians	238	37	63	15	51	.263
Harry Simpson, Cleveland Indians	136	16	35	5	15	.257
Junior Gilliam, Brooklyn Dodgers	277	55	69	4	30	.250

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MAJOR LEAGUERS PITCHING RECORDS

	W	L	PCT.	IP	BB	SO
Joe Black, Bklyn. Dodgers	5	2	.714	45	18	25
Ruben Gomez, N. Y. Giants	4	3	.571	57	39	34
Leroy Paige, St. Louis Browns	1	4	.200	60	22	26

The Batting Averages

Washington 1B

	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Pct.
Jackie Robinson, Dodgers	235	50	77	4	44	.328
Luke Easter, Indians	63	9	20	1	11	.317
Orestes Minoso, White Sox	264	60	83	6	48	.315
Monte Irvin, Giants	264	40	80	12	47	.303
Roy Campanella, Dodgers	250	53	75	20	67	.300
Henry Thompson, Giants	166	37	49	13	38	.295
Rafael Noble, Giants	47	9	13	2	7	.274
Larry Doby, Indians	258	41	67	15	52	.260
Jim Pendleton, Braves	85	21	22	1	8	.259
Bill Bruton, Braves	310	41	79	1	24	.255
Harry Simpson, Indians	154	16	37	5	16	.240
Junior Gilliam, Dodgers	302	56	72	4	33	.240

Batting Averages

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GIANTS

	AB.	H.	PC.
Calderone	15	6	.400
Hofman	44	17	.386
Maglie	36	12	.333
Thomson	299	94	.314
Irvin	269	84	.312
Mueller	172	52	.302
Thompson	168	50	.298
Noble	48	14	.292
Dark	305	88	.289
Lockman	300	86	.287
Williams	232	66	.284
Gomez	25	7	.280

	AB.	H.	PC.
Spencer	196	50	.255
Westrum	131	29	.221
Corwin	19	4	.211
Wilhelm	20	4	.200
Gilbert	108	21	.194
Hearn	38	7	.184
Jansen	33	6	.182
Rigney	11	2	.182
Rhodes	24	4	.167
Koslo	13	1	.077
Kennedy	0	0	.000
Worthington	3	0	.000

Team batting—2,575, 720, .280. Home runs—80.

Yesterday's Giant games not included.

YANKEES

Carey	40	14	.350
Bollweg	90	31	.344
Mantle	264	83	.315
Mize	64	19	.297
Woodling	243	72	.296
Bauer	208	61	.293
McDougald	247	69	.279
Collins	179	49	.274
Renna	52	14	.269
Berra	229	59	.258
Martin	310	79	.255
Sain	44	11	.250
Rizzuto	213	53	.249

Silvera	57	14	.246
Noren	141	31	.220
Lopat	37	8	.216
Gorman	5	1	.200
Ford	34	6	.176
Houk	6	1	.167
Miranda	37	5	.135
Reynolds	24	3	.125
Raschi	30	3	.100
McDonald	12	1	.083
Scarborough	12	1	.083
Kuzava	5	0	.000

Team batting—2,608, 693, .266. Home runs—67.

Last night's Yankee game not included.

DODGERS

Robinson	245	81	.331
Furillo	252	81	.321
Erskine	41	13	.317
Cox	117	37	.316
Snider	289	91	.315
Hodges	258	80	.310
Shuba	92	28	.304
Podres	10	3	.300
Campanella	262	78	.298
Reese	292	85	.291
Belardi	83	23	.277
Morgan	68	18	.265
Walker	45	11	.244

Gilliam	304	72	.237
Hughes	9	2	.222
Thompson	89	19	.213
Wade	10	2	.200
Black	11	2	.182
Milliken	18	3	.167
Meyer	42	6	.143
Antonello	26	3	.115
Loes	39	4	.103
Roe	30	3	.100
Branca	0	0	.000
Labine	7	0	.000

Team batting—2,659, 747, .281. Home runs—98.

Major League Averages

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National League

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

	G.	AB.	R.	H.	HR.	RBI.	SB.	PC.
Schoend'st, St. L.	125	473	69	161	12	64	1	.340
Furillo, Bklyn	130	476	79	161	21	92	1	.338
Irvin, N Y	109	400	64	135	20	74	2	.338
Robinson, Bklyn.	124	446	101	148	17	86	10	.332
Ashburn, Phila	136	540	94	179	2	49	12	.331
Mueller, N Y	111	398	44	131	4	48	2	.329
Kluszewski, Cin.	130	499	90	163	38	102	2	.327
Snider, Bklyn	133	524	114	169	35	113	13	.323
Campanella, Bkn.	126	469	91	151	35	126	3	.322
Musial, St. L	134	494	104	157	23	93	2	.318
Burgess, Phila	87	261	26	81	3	37	3	.310
Hodges, Bklyn	130	447	94	140	30	117	1	.308
Lockman, N Y	131	534	76	164	9	51	2	.307
Fondy, Chi	128	508	67	156	15	69	7	.307
Baumholtz, Chi	116	403	67	142	1	22	2	.306
Mathews, Mil	136	509	99	155	44	122	1	.305
Dark, N Y	135	562	109	170	17	75	5	.303
Rice, St. L-Pitt.	73	264	34	77	4	36	0	.303
Thompson, N Y	110	377	78	114	24	72	5	.302
Cox, Bklyn	82	268	41	81	10	40	2	.302
Pafko, Mil	119	447	59	134	13	63	2	.300
Bell, Cin	131	528	94	158	29	98	0	.299
Clark, Phila	60	198	31	59	0	20	1	.298
O'Connell, Pitt.	132	518	75	154	6	49	3	.297
Slaughter, St. L.	119	398	58	117	3	69	3	.294
Waitkus, Phila	75	228	23	67	1	15	1	.294
Repulski, St. L.	130	483	67	141	15	56	3	.292
Greengrass, Cin.	133	525	79	152	17	84	6	.290
Smith, Pitt	111	383	41	111	4	44	3	.290
Williams, N Y	102	318	43	91	3	31	2	.286
Thomson, N Y	134	533	72	152	24	97	3	.285
Adams, Cin	131	532	90	151	8	46	4	.284
Gilliam, Bklyn	131	522	110	148	6	59	15	.284
Hemus, St. L	131	494	87	140	13	49	2	.283
Wyrostek, Phila.	104	346	38	98	4	39	0	.283
Hamner, Phila	134	532	76	150	18	79	1	.282
Jackson, Chi	121	439	51	124	17	62	6	.282
Abrams, Pitt	109	408	61	115	12	32	4	.282
Logan, Mil	129	524	88	147	10	63	2	.281
Torgeson, Phila	95	320	52	90	10	55	7	.281
Pendleton, Mil	98	165	37	46	6	19	3	.279
Kiner, Pitt-Chi.	136	485	82	135	29	97	2	.278
Crandall, Mil	99	328	50	91	13	47	2	.278
Sauer, Chi	86	313	49	87	14	48	0	.278
Borkowski, Cin	83	224	31	62	7	29	0	.277
Lowrey, St. L	87	166	24	46	5	28	1	.277
Gordon, Mil	132	447	66	123	18	70	0	.275
Adcock, Mil	136	514	59	140	15	70	2	.272
Ennis, Phila	132	504	67	137	26	106	1	.272
Hofman, N Y	59	119	15	32	7	20	1	.269
Jablonski St. L.	134	511	60	137	20	98	0	.268
Shuba, Bklyn	64	142	17	38	4	21	0	.268
Bilko, St. L	131	476	62	127	20	76	0	.267
Reese, Bklyn	123	457	95	122	11	50	19	.267
Cole, Pitt	90	217	27	58	0	18	1	.267
McCullough, Chi.	63	187	20	50	6	18	0	.267
Garagiola, Pit-Chi	87	264	27	70	3	28	1	.265
Dittmer, Mil	122	444	46	116	8	53	1	.261
Marshall, Cin	105	316	48	82	16	58	0	.259
Serena, Chi	83	248	29	63	9	48	0	.254
Morgan, Bklyn	59	166	31	42	6	28	2	.253
Bruton, Mil	134	548	74	138	1	39	24	.252
Miksis, Chi	127	519	50	129	7	36	10	.249
Smalley, Chi	70	214	17	53	6	19	0	.248
J. O'Brien, Pitt	89	279	28	69	2	22	1	.247
Lopata, Phila	72	212	32	52	6	25	3	.245
Thomas, Pitt	111	387	48	94	21	77	1	.243
Atwell, Chi-Pitt.	72	206	20	50	1	25	0	.243
Pellagrini, Pitt	68	133	11	32	3	13	0	.241
Cooper, Mil	49	125	12	30	3	16	1	.240
E. O'Brien, Pitt.	89	260	21	62	0	14	5	.238
Landrith, Cin	48	144	12	34	3	16	2	.236
Jeffcoat, Chi	90	179	21	42	4	22	3	.235
Westrum, N Y	97	264	36	61	12	27	2	.231
McMillan, Cin	134	480	45	110	5	38	1	.229
Seminick, Cin	100	329	40	75	17	57	2	.228
Rhodes, N Y	63	124	15	28	10	26	0	.226
Jones, Phila	130	415	54	93	18	64	1	.224
Sandlock, Pitt	62	179	10	40	0	12	0	.223
Hatton, Cin	68	126	17	28	4	13	0	.222
Rice, St. L	118	371	28	82	6	34	0	.221
Spencer, N Y	100	344	53	75	19	51	0	.218
Kazanski, Phila	77	285	31	62	2	23	0	.218
Bridges, Cin	104	381	44	81	1	18	6	.213
Metkovich, Pit-Ch	84	164	23	35	3	19	1	.213
Ward, Chi-Pitt.	104	313	32	66	6	29	4	.211
Bernier, Pitt	96	279	47	58	3	28	13	.208
Castiglione, Pit-St.	94	209	42	42	4	24	1	.201
Brown, Chi	60	133	18	25	1	10	1	.188
Gilbert, N Y	65	151	12	26	3	16	1	.172

PITCHING RECORDS

Ten Decisions or More

	G.	IP.	H.	BB.	SO.	W.	L.	PC.
Roe, Bklyn	21	132	149	31	75	10	2	.833
Burdette, Mil	41	147	143	45	47	14	3	.824
Spahn, Mil	28	212	172	61	112	19	5	.792
Baczewski, Ch-Cin	28	121	119	50	50	9	3	.750
Labine, Bklyn	32	96	79	26	37	9	3	.750
Erskine, Bklyn	34	212	184	86	161	17	6	.739
Meyer, Bklyn	31	178	186	56	100	14	5	.737
Staley, St. L	34	198	201	45	73	16	7	.696
Surkont, Mil	26	165	163	64	78	11	5	.688
Haddix, St. L	30	206	186	62	121	16	8	.667
Podres, Bklyn	30	106	119	64	75	8	4	.667
Gomez, N Y	24	173	137	90	94	13	7	.650
Ridzik, Phila	33	118	111	46	49	9	5	.643
Roberts, Phila	33	301	276	54	165	21	12	.636
Loes, Bklyn	29	144	153	46	71	12	7	.632
Buhl, Mil	26	131	106	63	72	11	7	.611
Mizell, St. L	27	179	163	87	128	12	8	.600
Liddle, Mil	26	108	97	41	55	6	4	.600
Konstanty, Phila	44	165	192	41	44	14	10	.583
Perkowski, Cin	28	167	176	52	58	11	9	.550
Face, Pitt	36	104	128	25	53	6	5	.545

American League

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

	G.	AB.	R.	H.	HR.	RBI.	SB.	PC.
Williams, Bos	21	46	9	20	7	18	0	.435
Westlake, Clev.	66	160	38	55	9	39	0	.344
Vernon, Wash	135	541	93	178	13	98	4	.329
Rosen, Clev	134	516	90	170	36	125	6	.329
Minoso, Chi	131	474	96	151	14	91	21	.319
Lenhardt, St. L.	81	247	33	78	10	32	1	.316
Bollweg, N Y.	62	137	22	43	5	23	1	.314
Goodman, Bos	111	442	63	136	2	32	1	.308
Boyd, Chi	40	120	17	37	3	15	1	.308
Philley, Phila	137	551	72	169	9	52	11	.307
Mitchell, Clev	117	436	67	134	10	49	2	.307
Kell, Bos	117	402	60	123	10	65	5	.306
Kuenn, Det	136	593	84	181	2	41	6	.305
Bauer, N Y	116	374	65	114	10	48	2	.305
Woodling, N Y	112	357	58	109	8	53	2	.305
Souchock, Det	72	213	23	65	7	33	3	.305
Busby, Wash	133	519	60	158	6	73	11	.304
Renna, N Y	54	109	19	33	2	13	0	.303
Mantle, N Y	108	407	91	123	17	81	6	.302
McDougald, N Y	124	477	75	143	10	80	3	.300
Ginsb'g, Det-Clev	57	144	14	43	0	11	0	.299
Berra, N Y	121	443	73	131	25	97	0	.296
Nieman, Det	125	444	65	131	14	62	0	.295
Boone, Clev-Det.	116	423	85	124	21	96	3	.293
Easter, Clev	58	181	22	53	7	31	0	.293
Astroth, Phila	73	234	25	68	3	24	1	.291
Moss, St. L	65	189	20	55	2	23	0	.291
Murray, Phila	71	224	21	65	4	32	0	.290
Delsing, Det	122	419	68	121	9	55	1	.289
Lollar, Chi	97	294	41	85	6	47	0	.289
Suder, Phila	107	423	40	121	3	29	3	.286
Pesky, Det	98	301	40	86	2	24	3	.286
Batts, Det	105	344	37	96	6	36	2	.285
Mele, Chi	125	435	59	123	11	75	1	.283
Avila, Clev	122	482	70	136	8	51	6	.282
Noren, N Y	99	315	55	89	6	43	1	.282
Piersall, Bos	133	508	64	142	3	47	8	.280
Zernial, Phila	131	497	75	139	37	91	4	.280
Rizzuto, N Y	120	374	51	104	2	50	3	.278
Jensen, Wash	130	484	80	134	10	77	16	.277
Fox, Chi	134	547	77	151	2	58	4	.276
Sievers, St. L	90	279	37	77	8	35	0	.276
Wertz, St. L	118	404	55	111	18	68	1	.275
Strickland, Clev.	105	357	43	98	5	39	0	.275
Kryhoski, St. L.	87	276	30	76	14	42	0	.275
Baker, Wash-Bos	72	167	20	46	0	21	0	.275
Umphlett, Bos	121	438	46	120	3	49	4	.274
Carrasquel, Chi.	131	479	65	129	2	45	3	.269
White, Bos	120	419	47	112	13	59	3	.267
Collins, N Y	109	325	61	86	14	38	2	.265
Bolling, Bos	93	279	23	74	4	27	1	.265
Hatfield, Det	90	230	29	61	1	15	3	.265
Fain, Chi	111	386	65	102	6	46	3	.264
Wright, Chi	69	114	14	30	2	23	0	.263
Rivera, Chi	135	512	68	134	9	73	21	.262
Lund, Det	121	404	49	106	9	47	3	.262
Elliott, St. L-Chi.	108	351	42	92	9	61	1	.262
V'lmer, Bos-Wash.	109	381	52	99	9	72	0	.260
Young, St. L	129	467	46	121	4	22	1	.259
Gernert, Bos	121	428	69	110	19	63	0	.257
McGhee, Phila	94	334	34	86	1	29	4	.257
Runnels, Wash	121	421	57	108	2	45	3	.256
Courtney, St. L.	98	332	27	85	4	19	0	.256
Michaels, Phila.	104	376	50	96	12	40	6	.255
FitzGerald, Wash.	76	247	18	63	2	32	1	.255
Wilson, Chi	63	141	18	36	0	9	2	.255
Groth, St. L	124	487	59	123	8	49	5	.253
Martin, N Y	131	528	67	133	14	66	5	.252
Glynn, Clev	127	354	51	89	3	26	1	.251
Yost, Wash	135	521	88	130	7	36	5	.250
Terwilliger, Wash	122	417	58	104	3	38	7	.249
Demaestri, Phila.	91	355	44	88	5	32	0	.248
Kokos, St. L	94	262	36	65	10	35	0	.248
Doby, Clev	128	444	71	109	20	78	3	.245
Robinson, Phila	136	533	56	129	20	91	1	.242
Smith, Clev	37	128	22	31	2	10	1	.242
Dropo, Det	136	544	53	131	13	88	2	.241
Evers, Bos	86	288	36	69	11	29	1	.240
Stephens, Chi-St. L	76	243	24	58	4	29	2	.239
Simpson, Clev	72	219	26	52	7	22	0	.237
Bucha, Det	50	123	15	28	0	11	1	.228
Hunter, St. L	135	489	44	111	0	32	3	.227
Hegan, Clev	96	256	33	58	8	34	1	.227
Priddy, Det	58	185	13	42	0	22	1	.227
Babe, N Y-Phila.	92	306	25	69	2	21	0	.225
Grasso, Wash	54	176	12	39	2	22	0	.222
Lipon, Bos	59	144	19	32	0	13	1	.222
Dyck, St. L	106	317	35	68	9	26	3	.215
Krsnich, Chi	56	122	9	25	1	14	0	.205
Coan, Wash	55	129	23	23	2	13	5	.178

PITCHING RECORDS

Ten Decisions or More

	G.	IP.	H.	BB.	SO.	W.	L.	PC.
Lopat, N Y	22	159	154	31	43	14	3	.824
Stuart, St. L	50	105	117	42	45	8	2	.800
Ford, N Y	28	181	161	93	96	16	5	.762
Hoskins, Clev	23	98	84	36	50	8	3	.727
Trucks, St. L-Chi.	34	232	197	86	136	18	7	.720
Raschi, N Y	24	151	130	46	61	12	5	.706
Consuegra, W-Chi.	29	112	113	29	27	7	3	.700
Parnell, Bos	34	210	196	103	112	18	8	.692
Brown, Bos	26	157	164	54	58	11	5	.688
Garcia, Clev	34	241	227	72	118	16	8	.667
Sain, N Y	34	173	171	42	76	12	6	.667
Pierce, Chi	34	236	185	81	167	17	9	.654
McDermott, Bos	27	168	133	90	77	15	8	.652
Shea, Wash	21	150	135	71	35	11	6	.647
Reynolds, N Y	36	117	120	57	66	11	6	.647
Porterfield, Wash.	30	219	205	66	66	18	10	.643
Dorish, Chi	51	140	133	44	63	10	6	.625
Wynn, Clev	31	226	205	100	120	16	10	.615
McDonald, N Y	23	112	99	31	38	8	5	.615
Kinder, Bos	61	92	76	33	35	9	6	.600

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BATTERS

(Based on 300 or more times at bat)

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	G.	AB.	R.	H.	PC.
Furillo, Brooklyn	131	479	82	165	.345
Schoendienst, St. Louis	124	477	91	163	.342
Irvin, New York	110	401	64	135	.337
Robinson, Brooklyn	125	450	103	151	.336
Ashburn, Philadelphia	136	540	94	179	.331
Mueller, New York	112	403	44	132	.328
Snider, Brooklyn	134	528	117	172	.326
Kluszewski, Cincinnati	131	503	90	163	.324
Musial, St. Louis	135	499	107	161	.323
Campanella, Brooklyn	129	475	93	153	.322

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Vernon, Washington	135	541	93	178	.329
Rosen, Cleveland	134	516	90	170	.329
Minoso, Chicago	131	474	96	151	.319
Goodman, Boston	111	442	68	136	.308
Philley, Philadelphia	137	551	71	169	.307
Mitchell, Cleveland	117	436	66	134	.307
Kell, Boston	117	402	60	123	.306
Kuenn, Detroit	136	593	84	181	.305
Bauer, New York	116	374	65	114	.305
Woodling, New York	112	357	58	109	.305

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RUNS BATTED IN

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Campanella, Bklyn.	131	Snider, Bklyn	114
Mathews, Milw.	122	Ennis, Phila	106
Hodges, Bklyn	118		

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Rosen, Cleveland	125	Minoso, Chicago	91
Vernon, Wash	98	Robinson, Phila	91
Berra, N Y	97	Zernial, Phila	91
Boone, Detroit	96		

HOME RUN HITTERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Mathews, Milw.	44	Snider, Brooklyn	36
Kluszewski, Cinc.	38	Hodges, Brooklyn	30
Campanella, Bklyn.	37		

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Zernial, Phila	37	Boone, Detroit	21
Rosen, Cleveland	36	Doby, Cleveland	20
Berra, New York	25	Robinson, Phila	20

Yesterday's twilight and night games not included.

CLUB BATTING

	G.	R.	H.	2B.	3B.	HR.	RBI.	SB.	PC.
New York	132	723	1261	197	45	125	684	26	.277
Cleveland	134	660	1225	180	26	138	622	23	.269
Detroit	139	612	1296	221	41	90	571	26	.273
Boston	135	574	1210	223	34	88	535	27	.266
Washington	135	613	1189	195	46	61	572	55	.261
Chicago	135	633	1180	194	46	66	591	60	.260
Philadelphia	137	549	1211	166	35	103	508	37	.254
St. Louis	135	500	1160	193	22	100	471	16	.252

CLUB FIELDING

	PO.	A.	E.	DP.	PC.
Chicago	3655	1556	106	119	.980
Cleveland	3573	1547	112	166	.979
New York	3559	1514	110	161	.978
Philadelphia	3689	1469	114	133	.978
Washington	3568	1419	110	143	.978
Detroit	3741	1538	122	128	.977
Boston	3618	1517	129	145	.975
St. Louis	3627	1476	143	147	.973

Triple plays—Chicago, New York, Washington, St. Louis.

Records include games played Friday, Sept. 4.

CLUB BATTING

	G.	R.	H.	2B.	3B.	HR.	RBI.	SB.	PC.
Brooklyn	135	853	1354	236	51	183	815	73	.299
New York	135	683	1287	161	39	138	652	26	.275
St. Louis	134	649	1252	237	48	124	615	12	.273
Milwaukee	136	649	1234	193	42	138	608	36	.266
Phila.	135	633	1230	199	55	101	580	38	.266
Cincinnati	134	640	1214	161	32	154	600	23	.261
Chicago	136	633	1180	179	52	111	539	60	.260
Pittsburgh	133	539	1180	179	52	111	506	35	.260
Chicago	137	537	1145	161	46	79	492	35	.247

Triple play—Cincinnati.

CLUB FIELDING

	PO.	A.	E.	DP.	PC.
Brooklyn	3614	1406	102	146	.980
Cincinnati	3545	1487	108	151	.979
Milwaukee	3615	1494	115	147	.978
St. Louis	3533	1540	116	129	.978
Phila.	3577	1503	129	130	.975
Pittsburgh	3592	1404	127	153	.975
Chicago	3524	1544	141	115	.973
New York	3571	1368	172	118	.966

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FINAL AVERAGES

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BATTING

Player and Club	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	Pct.
Ernest Banks, Cubs	10	35	3	13	1	1	2	6	0	.371
J. Robinson, Dodgers	136	484	109	159	34	7	12	96	17	.329
Monte Irvin, Giants ..	124	444	72	146	21	5	21	97	2	.329
M. Minoso, White Sox ..	151	556	104	174	24	8	15	104	25	.313
R. Campanella, Dodgers	144	519	102	162	26	3	41	142	4	.312
Luke Easter, Indians ..	69	211	26	64	9	0	7	31	0	.303
Hank Thompson, Giants	114	388	80	117	14	8	24	75	6	.302
Jim Pendleton, Braves	120	251	48	75	12	4	7	27	6	.299
Bob Boyd, White Sox	55	166	19	49	6	2	3	23	0	.295
George Crowe, Braves	45	42	6	12	2	0	2	6	0	.286
J. Gilliam, Dodgers ...	151	605	125	168	31	17	6	63	21	.278
Larry Doby, Indians ...	148	509	93	136	19	5	29	103	4	.267
Bill Bruton, Braves	151	610	83	153	19	14	1	40	26	.251
Al Smith, Indians	47	150	28	37	9	0	3	14	2	.247
Gene Baker, Cubs	7	22	1	5	1	0	0	0	1	.227
Harry Simpson, Indians	81	243	26	55	3	1	7	22	0	.226
Ray Noble, Giants	46	97	15	20	0	1	4	14	1	.206

PITCHING

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Pitcher and Club	G	IP	H	BB	SO	C.G.	Sh.G.	W	L	Pct.
Dave Hoskins, Indians	26	113	102	38	55	2	0	8	3	.727
Joe Black, Dodgers	34	87	74	27	42	0	0	6	3	.667
Bob Trice, Athletics ..	3	23	25	6	4	1	0	2	1	.667
Ruben Gomez, Giants ..	29	203	166	101	113	13	3	13	11	.542
C. Johnson, White Sox	14	62	53	38	44	2	1	4	4	.500
Satchel Paige, Browns	56	118	111	40	51	0	0	3	9	.250

Dodgers' Reliefer Is Suffering From Sophomore Malady

BROOKLYN — Charlie Dressen, manager of the Dodgers, is convinced that Joe Black's disturbing failure this spring is due strictly to an attack of that dread disease which strikes so many ball players of above-average intelligence. It is called overapplication of the cerebrum, and it means the guy is thinking too much.

Knocked out of the box five straight times, Black has looked less and less like the superman who, as a rookie relief sensation, pitched Brooklyn to the pennant last year.

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THE FIFTH knockout capped the climax because it occurred just when Dressen believed he had the stage set for a dramatic comeback effort. The manager sent Black through a long workout in Cincinnati, toward the close of the Western trip, and then bade him rest for three days prior to starting against the Giants in a big series at the Polo Grounds.

When the test came, Black got a head start when Jackie Robinson hit a two-run homer to chase Sal Maglie to the showers in the first inning. But Black failed again. He pitched to three hitters in the first inning, and two of them blasted triples, so out he went.

The Dodgers lost this game, 7-2, and although Black was not the losing pitcher, it was his performance that distressed the Brooklyn management, which feels that the pennant cannot be won unless Black regains his rookie form.

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DRESSEN HAS tried everything. At first he felt that Black's troubles were simply a sign he was not getting enough work, but the more Joe pitched, the more the hitters teed off on him, although his stuff seemed just as powerful as it was last year. But his control was far off, and, to Dressen, that was the clue that the problem is mental.

Pitchers don't lose their ability to throw the ball where they want to throw it," Charlie explains. "Black showed us last year that he had control, so I know that it can't be a case of natural wildness. And now I know that it can't be rustiness, because we've given him all the work he should have needed to straighten himself out.

"So I'm sure it has to be in his mind. He does a lot of thinking, anyway, and I figure now he's just thinking too much. I should have seen it coming in spring training, because he was down there trying to do everything the way he did it last year. He was thinking about last year when he should have been just getting himself loosened up for this year.

"WELL, HE had that on his mind and when the season opened he had a few bad games, so right away he began worrying, and again he tried to think about what he was doing right last year. Every time he throws a pitch now, he's telling himself that he's got to pitch it exactly where he used to pitch to this hitter last year. So he's pressing, and the pitch doesn't go where he wants it to go. Sometimes he's as much as five feet off the mark."

What next? Dressen shrugs, as if to say it's just up to Black to stop thinking and start pitching. The Dodgers have run out of cures for him.

There's no doubt that Joe has been worrying. Last year he was a relaxed, easy-going, chatty sort of person, but now he seldom volunteers a word. Instead of mixing with the other players, as he did last year, he sticks to himself. That may be ruinous, because the more Joe tries to forget his misery in solitude the less likely it is that he will forget.

Because he'll think of nothing else.

Joe Black not angry over series mishap

By SAM LACY

BROOKLYN — The "forgotten man" of the 1953 World Series is "sorry" but not bitter over his plight.

A year ago, Joe Black, the likable righthander from Plainfield, N.J., was the big name as the fall classic reached its conclusion here, last week, as his Brooklyn Dodger teammates and the New York Yankees staged their dramatic battle, Black was just another uniform in the bullpen.

Occasional Warmup

National League rookie of the year, top star of the 1952 playoffs, winner in a stirring opening - game duel with Allie Reynolds, and generally the hub of manager Charley Dressen's pitching staff then, Joe spent this series tossing an occasional warmup ball in the side arena—with little hope of being called upon for service.

Naturally, I,m sorry I haven't been able to helpmuch this year," said Black, after the initial game, in which his strong arm of 1952 could possibly have meant the difference between victory and defeat for the Bums.

"From the very beginning of spring training," Joe continued, "nothing seemed to go right for me. At first I couldn't snap my curve, then I couldn't get the hop on the fast ball.

Lost Control

Later, my control deserted me and I found myself 'aiming' the ball, which is no good.

"Near the close of the season, I felt I was regaining my stuff, but is was so late, Chuck probably figured he couldn't afford to gamble in a short series, when one bad move can kill you.

"Oh, I'm sorry I haven't been much help of course, but I'm not bitter about it. Next year will be different. "That's baseball."

Joe Gets His—Joe Black, ace Brooklyn Dodger hurler, finally gets the formal presentation of his Rookie of the Year Award. Up to this point, the award was only announced. However, Joe got his prize at a luncheon in his honor, spearheaded by the New York Bureau of the Courier, in the Skyline Room of the Hotel Theresa. At the same time. Joe was introduced to the public at large by his off-season employers, the Arthur Guinness Son & Co., Inc. Left to right: Daniel Burroughs, toastmaster; Edwin P. Dawson, New York representative for Sporting News, who made the presentation; J. Miles Carey Jr., president of the Guinness firm, and Good ole Joe.—Layne Photo.

Athletic Club Honors Joe Black

The Newark (N.J.) Athletic Club presented a trophy to Joe Black, the Brooklyn Dodger star pitcher who waltzed them to another National League pennant in 1952, and was named "Rookie Of The Year," at the 13th annual All-Sports Award Dinner. Milton Campbell, Black's neighbor in Plainfield, N.J., who starred in football, track, and swimming at Plainfield High School, was also among the honorees the pitcher's high school coach; Black, H. A. Stine, athletic director in Plainfield; Mrs. Doris Black, the pitcher's wife; Mayor Carlyle Campbelll, and Harold Brug-

Black Wins 2 In As Many Days

BROOKLYN (ANO) —Pitcher Joe Black apparently is on his way back. He whipped the New York Giants last week twice in two days to give himself a 4-2 record for the season. His hurling enabled the Brooklyn Dodgers to sweep a two-game series with the Giants.

Black hurled the ninth inning of the first game, allowing one hit but no runs. A three-run home run in the bottom of the ninth by catcher Roy Campanella with two out gave Brooklyn a 5-3 victory.

Thursday night Black followed up with a three - inning hurling stint. He shut out the Giants as the Dodgers won 7-6 in the last half of the 10th.

Manager Vows to Teach Black How to Throw 'a Slow Curve'

Meyer, Brooklyn's Recent Pitching Acquisition, Is Expected to Arrive at Vero Beach Today

By Roger Kahn

VERO BEACH, Fla., Feb. 18.—The baseball season arrived here at 10:30 this morning to the accompaniment of a chill breeze, a warm sun and very little fanfare. Then Joe Black strode to the mound of diamond No. 1, began throwing to Roy Campanella and the Brooklyn Dodgers were back in business.

Actually, the arrival is not yet official, because the Dodgers' first spring training workout is not scheduled until tomorrow morning. But an advance guard, headed by Black, Campanella, Clem Labine and Carl Erskine, is at this mammoth baseball base — and manager Charley Dressen is in mid-season form.

Tomorrow the pitchers and catchers — including righthander Russ Meyer—are listed to be on hand, but today Dressen had an announcement and a pronouncement to deliver.

"Another Pitch Won't Hurt"

The announcement was the opening of a campaign to teach Black a slow curve. "Another pitch won't hurt him," the skipper of last year's National League champions declared. "I don't know yet whether he'll start or relieve. Maybe both. But I wanna get him to throw a slow one. I'm gonna work with him every day."

Black, a phenomenally successful rookie last year, made good on speed, a small curve, control and more control. Efforts to teach him a fork ball and a variety of other pitches failed last spring, but then Joe was just another semi-anonymous freshman. Now he's the No. 1 boy and he'll get all the private tutoring he needs.

The pronouncement was a cheerful comment on Labine, the right-hander who was to be the ace in 1952, and who instead spent the year with a sore right arm. Labine has been here for close to two weeks, throwing to neighborhood volunteer catchers, and this afternoon he showed Dressen the results by pitching to Vic Marasco, an outfielder, under the eye of the boss.

Labine Throws Better

"He is throwing," Charley declared while watching from behind the mound, "better than he did at the end of last year. Right now he's throwing better. Look, see how loose he is."

Ignoring the chatter behind him, Labine kept firing—fast balls, curves and sinkers. When he was through he grinned and pointed to his arm. "Real good," the pitcher said cheerfully. "It feels real good."

"Now if he comes through," Dressen mused, "we got him and Erskine and Billy Loes and Preacher Roe and Meyer and maybe Ralph Branca to start. That's why I don't know how I'm gonna use Black."

Branca, another sore-armed pitcher last year, reported early like Labine and has been throwing hard and painlessly for the last few days too.

Although this was a pitchers' day, Campanella was not shut out attention-wise. Roy marched to a scale and pointed with pride to the indicator, which read 203 pounds.

Sylphlike Campanella

"I weighed 221 the end of last year," he said. "I've been watching my diet and me and Black went to Hot Springs to sweat off some weight. I ain't been this light since I first came up. And I was younger then."

Throughout the day Dodgers drifted in. Later arrivals included outfielder George Shuba, pitchers Billy Loes and Johnny Podres, catcher Steve Lembo and coach Jake Pitler, who flew from New York on the Dodger plane. . . . Carl Furillo has been down for more than a week, fishing and sunbathing. . . . Jimmy Baxes, a third baseman recently returned from the Army in Okinawa, left-hander Ronnie Lee and righthander Ron Negray were ready for duty today. Baxes, a roster man, is on the National Defense list and will stick. Negray was up the end of last year, and Lee, a returning serviceman, was impressive as a reliever with Montreal in 1950.

Shuba reported into the infirmary shortly after arriving. Dr. George Norn, the physician in attendance, diagnosed the illness as the flu.

Meyer telephoned Dressen from Clearwater, saying that he was packing and would be over tomorrow. Charley is delighted with the acquisition and views his own ability to handle Meyer's temperament with confidence. . . . The question raised but not answered today was this: "Was Meyer part of the deal that sent Andy Pafko to Boston?" . . . There was a report that the Phillies had not known the Braves were going to move Meyer along to Brooklyn in the four-club transaction, and that Philadelphia owner Bob Carpenter was disturbed at what had happened. . . . The story went that Carpenter was not especially anxious to strengthen a contender.

CHANGE OF PACE

Joe Black Speaks His Mind

By BILL NUNN JR.

ORLANDO, Fla.—The most gruesome sight to Brooklyn Dodgers' opponents last season was the huge form of rookie Joe Black trudging nonchalantly across the diamond. Invariably when the strong armed right-hander made his appearance the Bums were in hot water or headed in that direction. But, generally, by the time Black had departed from the mound the Dodgers had racked up another victory.

The records will show that Black, an unheralded rookie in the Dodgers 1952 spring training quarters, appeared in 54 games over the season . . . 15 of which he won and an equal number which he saved and didn't get credit for. His noble mound deeds, more than any other single factor, enabled the Dodgers to replace the N. Y. Giants as champions of the National League. As partial reward Black was voted the National League's top rookie and presented a fat pay boost for the coming season.

Bill Nunn Jr.

As I sat talking to Black in the beautiful surroundings of Tinker Field here last week a few of the many thrills he provided shot through my mind. And, being more interested in answers than questions I thought I'd give Joe a chance to give me his viewpoints on a few queries. The guy met me more than halfway. In fact, once I had asked him how he thought the Dodgers would finish in the coming pennant chase, all I had to do was listen. It was an enjoyable experience.

"I think we should capture the pennant again," Black started in a well-trained voice that spoke well of the college learning he had received at Morgan State. "But because I say we'll make the grade doesn't mean it's gospel. At this moment I know we'd have a hard time repeating. I don't think the team, as a whole, has the right outlook toward the coming race. Too many guys seem complacent. Like we've won the pennant before we take the field for our first game. I know it's not going to be that easy."

"Last season," he went on, "we had a field day against second division teams. We'll have to be lucky to have that kind of season against them this year. That, plus the fact New York, Philadelphia and St. Louis appear stronger, doesn't make our task appear easy. If we start out with the right attitude I know we can go all the way. That one fact can play an important role in this thing."

Black, who worked out in Hot Springs before reporting to the Dodgers' Vero Beach training quarters, feels he's headed for another big season. "I don't know whether they'll use me as a starter or in relief. I have an idea though I'll be working like I did last season. Frankly, it doesn't matter how I pitch just so long as I'm effective."

Black, who has the appearance of a powerful football star, says he held up under the strain of pitching 128 1-3 innings last season in good style. "Only twice during the season did I really feel the effects of pitching so often. One time, with the season a little over halfway through I got a sore arm. Charlie Dressen told me not to do any throwing at all. All I did was run for two days and after the rest my arm was as good as new.

"My arm gave out on me again at the end of the series. In that last game I worked I had nothing on the ball after the first couple of innings. For two days after the final game I had trouble even lifting my arm," Black said.

Continuing in a soft voice that was interrupted occasionally by an insistant fan who would barge right into the Dodgers' dugout seeking an autograph even though the game was in progress, Black said, "I feel fine now, though, and I see no reason why I shouldn't have another good season. I've been doing a lot of running in camp and I know my legs are in shape. If I'm lucky again, I'm certain I'll do okay."

Like everyone else in the Dodgers training camp, Black has been impressed with Junior Gilliam, phenomenal fielding second sacker. "Gilliam and I were roommates when we played with the Baltimore Elite Giants in the Negro leagues. I knew then he had the stuff to make the big leagues if given the chance."

"When he came to camp this year he was just like I was last season . . . not even on the roster. As a result, he was able to go all out figuring he didn't have too much to lose. If he continues showing the form he's displayed in camp he'll be one of the top rookies in baseball this year."

Then, as if in conclusion, Black added, "Remember what I told you, the Dodgers will repeat this season IF the team plays as I know it can."

BOSTON BRAVES TAN QUARTET.—Here are four highly promising Negro players who are currently working out with the Boston Braves at the National leaguers' Bradenton, Fla., spring training camp. They are, left to right: Southpaw First Baseman George Crowe and Outfielder William Bruton, both of whom were star players last season with the Milwaukee Brewers of the American Association; Infielder Jim Pendleton, who was outstanding with the Montreal Royals of the International league last season, and Sam Jethroe, fleet-footed outfielder and regular member of the Boston club.

—Scharfman Photo.

NO. 17 FOR CAMPANELLA: The Dodger catcher's home run yesterday was against the Pirates in the second inning at Pittsburgh. Gil Hodges, next at bat, shown congratulating slugger as he crosses the plate. Umpire is Bill Jackowski.

Associated Press Wirephoto

BROOKS IN 2D PLACE

6 Homers Help Dodgers Trip Pirates Twice for 8 Straight

By ROSCOE McGOWEN
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

PITTSBURGH, May 30—Six home runs, four in the first game and two of them by Gil Hodges, were enough for the Dodgers to sink the Pirates twice today, 7—4 and 4—1, and run their winning streak to eight games, their longest of the campaign.

As a result the Dodgers replaced the Cardinals in second place and remained a half game behind the league-leading Braves.

The Pittsburgh setbacks were witnessed by 31,039 fans, the biggest turnout at Forbes Field since May 20, 1951, when the Phils drew 36,166 in a twin bill.

None of the starting pitchers finished. Preacher Roe being knocked out in the fourth inning of the opener, when the Brooks went behind, 3—2. Ben Wade finished and gained his third triumph easily because of Hodges' second homer and Ben's own blast over the outer left field wall in the sixth, both off Murry Dickson, the loser.

Roy Campanella's No. 17 and Gil's No. 2 were back-to-back solo swats in the second inning—Campy's off the scoreboard and Gil's off the left field wall. Duke Snider and Camp were aboard via a single and a pass when Gil connected the next time.

Furillo Hits Single

With two out, Carl Furillo singled to left and Wade came through with his big blow.

After replacing Roe in the fourth, Wade allowed only two more hits, a triple to center by Carlos Bernier and an infield out accounting for the final Buc tally in the ninth.

Danny O'Connell's double, plus singles by Ralph Kiner, Eddie Pellagrini, Mike Sandlock and Dick Cole brought the three runs off Roe in the fourth.

Furillo and Billy Cox handled the home-run hitting in the nightcap, Furillo's No. 4 coming in the second inning off Bob Friend with Hodges aboard via a pass and one out. Billy's was a solo off the left-handed Roger Bowman in the eighth with two out. Both drives went into the former Greenberg Gardens in left.

Johnny Podrs, making his first start since a month ago today, developed a blister on his pitching hand and had to quit at the end of the sixth inning. Carl Erskine blanked the Bucs for three innings to insure Johnny's second victory. He had lost two.

Pirates Tally in First

Podres was a bit shaky at the start, the Bucs scoring one run in the first inning on a pass to Bernier, O'Connell's double off the right field wall, an intentional pass to Kiner and an odd force play. The freak play occurred when Frank Thomas' pop fly into left center fell among Peewee Reese, Snider and Jim Gilliam, but Hodges cut off Jim's throw to the plate and fired the ball to Cox in time to force O'Connell, who had held up, fearing a catch.

Podres gave up only three hits thereafter, but was in trouble in the fifth when he walked two men with two out, bringing up Kiner. Ralph, however, hit the first pitch for a high, short fly to Snider to end that threat.

The Dodgers scored their third run in the third inning on singles by Gilliam and Reese, a long fly to center by Snider, on which Gilliam advanced, and a force play, hit into by Robinson.

Bernier Put Out of Game

Bernier squawked too much on a first strike call in the fifth and Lee Ballanfant chased him. Pete Castiglione finished the strike-out, charges to Carlos, because he also had swung at another ball and missed.

The day was the hottest the Dodgers have played on this season, with high humidity and a temperature of 85 degrees.

After catching every inning of the first thirty-eight games, Campanella got a rest when Rube Walker started the second game in last twenty-seven games with the Brooks.... Clem Labine caught the fourth off Hodges' first-game homer in the sixth inning just short of the outer wall in the Brooklyn bullpen.

Kiner's single in the Roe, scoring O'Connell, w 800th run batted in. ... ers' four homers in the was one short of the record. They've hit five several times. . .. Roe's his 234th and his 300th League game. Preach was the first southpaw to start against the Bucs off and the game resumed. Later

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A slight rain and threat of more bright sunshine broke through. Even then, Campy got into the Brooks Ben has made nine hits—game when Rube was hit by a foul four homers, three doubles and tip from Sandlock's bat in the two singles. ninth and had to leave the game.

Wade's homer was Ben's first delayed the first game four minsince he smacked two in one game utes. Just as Gilliam made the first off Warren Spahn in Boston July out the umpires ordered the tar-6 last year. Since he joined the paulin out. Before it was half unrolled, however, they ordered it

The box scores:

FIRST GAME

BROOKLYN (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.
Gilliam, 2b	5	0	2	4	3
Reese, ss	5	0	1	4	3
Snider, cf	4	0	2	2	0
Robinson, lf	4	1	0	1	2
Campanella, c	3	2	1	4	0
Hodges, 1b	4	2	2	8	1
Cox, 3b	4	0	0	3	2
Furillo, rf	4	1	2	1	0
Roe, p	1	0	0	0	2
Wade, p	3	1	2	0	0
Total	37	7	12	27	13

PITTSBURGH (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.
Bernier, cf	4	1	1	6	0
Smith, 1b	5	0	0	5	1
O'Connell, 2b	2	1	1	2	0
Kiner, lf	4	1	2	4	0
Thomas, rf	3	0	1	1	1
Pellagrini, 3b	4	1	1	0	3
Sandlock, c	3	0	1	4	1
Cole, ss	4	0	2	4	3
Dickson, p	1	0	0	1	0
Bowman, p	0	0	0	0	0
aAbrams	1	0	0	0	0
Face, p	0	0	0	0	1
bMontemayor	1	0	0	0	0
Total	32	4	9	27	10

aGrounded into force play for Bowman in sixth
bFlied out for Face in ninth.

Brooklyn .....0 2 0 0 0 5 0 0 0—7
Pittsburgh .....0 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 1—4

Errors—None.

Runs batted in—Campanella, Hodges 4, Kiner, Sandlock, Cole, Wade 2, Smith.

Two-base hits—Kiner, Snider, O'Connell. Three-base hit—Bernier. Home runs—Campanella, Hodges 2, Wade. Sacrifice—Thomas. Double play—Gilliam, Reese and Hodges. Left on bases—Brooklyn 4, Pittsburgh 9. Bases on balls—Off Roe 2, Wade 4, Dickson 1. Struck out—By Roe 2, Rickson 1, Wade 2, Face 3. Hits—Off Roe 7 in 3 2-3 innings, Dickson 10 in 5 2-3, Face 2 in 3, Wade 2 in 5 1-3, Bowman 0 in 1-3. Runs and earned runs—Off Roe 3 and 3, Dickson 7 and 7, Wade 1 and 1. Hit by pitcher—By Wade (Kiner). Winning pitcher Wade (3—2). Losing pitcher—Dickson (4—6). Umpires—Jackowski, Ballanfant and Barlick. Time of game—2:32.

SECOND GAME

BROOKLYN (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.
Gilliam, 2b	4	1	2	2	2
Reese, ss	5	0	2	1	0
Snider, cf	4	0	1	3	0
Robinson, lf	4	0	1	0	0
Hodges, 1b	2	1	0	5	1
Cox, 3b	4	1	1	3	3
Furillo, rf	4	1	2	3	0
Walker, c	3	0	0	7	0
Campanella, c	0	0	0	2	0
Podres, p	2	0	0	1	0
bBelardi	1	0	0	0	0
Erskine, p	1	0	0	0	0
Total	34	4	9	27	6

PITTSBURGH (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.
Bernier, cf	2	1	0	1	0
aCastiglione	0	0	0	0	0
Abrams, rf	1	0	0	1	0
Metkovich, 1b	4	0	0	15	0
O'Connell, 3b	2	0	1	1	2
Kiner, lf	3	0	0	1	0
Thomas, rf,cf	4	0	0	3	0
J. O'Brien, 2b	4	0	1	2	10
Sandlock, c	4	0	2	3	1
Cole, ss	4	0	1	0	2
Friend, p	2	0	0	0	4
cMontemayer	1	0	0	0	0
Bowman, p	0	0	0	0	0
dSmith	1	0	1	0	0
Total	32	1	6	27	19

aStruck out for Bernier in fifth.
bFlied out for Podres in seventh.
cPopped up for Friend in seventh.
dSingled for Bowman in ninth.

Brooklyn .....0 2 1 0 0 0 0 1 0—4
Brooklyn .....0 2 1 0 0 0 0 1 0—4

Errors—None.

Runs batted in—Furillo 2, Thomas, Robinson, Cox.

Two-base hits—O'Connell, Sandlock. Home runs—Furillo, Cox. Stolen bases—Reese, Gilliam. Double plays—Cox and Hodges; Friend, J. O'Brien and Metkovich. Left on bases—Brooklyn 7, Pittsburgh 10. Bases on balls—Off Podres 5, Friend 3, Bowman 1, Erskine 1. Struck out—By Friend 3, Podres 3, Bowman 1, Erskine 3. Hits—Off Podres 4 in 6 innings; Friend 8 in 7; Bowman 1 in 2; Erskine 2 in 3. Runs and earned runs—Off Podres 1 and 1, Friend 3 and 3, Bowman 1 and 1. Wild pitch—Friend. Winning pitcher—Podres (2—2). Losing pitcher—Friend (1—5). Umpires—Ballanfant, Barlick and Jackowski. Time of game—2:39. Attendance—31,029.

TOP HOMER SLAMMERS MEET—Two sluggers leading both leagues in home runs meet as their teams come together for an Ebbetts field tilt. Ed Mathews (left) of the Milwaukee Braves, came roaring from behind to tie Roy Campanella, Brooklyn Dodger catcher, at 17 last week, and then took over the lead by homering Wednesday. However, Campy still holds the lead in runs batted in with 54. (United Press Photo)

Jackie Back In Top Ten; Irvin Gains

BROOKLYN — What's happened to Roy Campanella?

That's the big question on the tongues of Brooklyn Dodger fans these days.

Three weeks ago Campanella was sailing along in smooth waters. His big bat was ringing out loud as he belted offerings of opposing pitchers for lusty wallops.

The hefty catcher was going to town, pacing the National league in home runs and runs batted in. At one time he was even leading the National league batters with a hefty .363 average.

CAN'T SHAKE SLUMP

But lean days have collared the genial catcher, rated the best receiver in baseball, and Roy has not been able to shake himself free of the clutches of the slump.

Campy not only has lost the leadership in home runs, but his runs-batted-in lead is being threatened by the same guy who has grabbed the former lead — Ed Mathews, long hitting third baseman for the Milwaukee Braves. ting average is below .300. In fact, the slump was so powerful at one time that Manager Charlie Dressen took Campanella out of the Brooklyn lineup and relieved him of the arduous duties of catching every game, hoping the rest would put Campy back in stride.

While Campanella has been in a slump, his teammate, Jackie Robinson has been steadily fattening his batting average since he was shifted to left field. Robinson has batted his way back into place among the 10 top batters in the National league. As of last Saturday he was batting .343.

ERVIN IMPROVES AVERAGE

Another player who has sent his batting average up in the past two weeks is Monte Irvin, Giant outfielder. Irvin shoved his way into the select circle with an average of .317.

Perhaps the batting spree by Irvin proved the spark that set Hank Thompson on fire at the plate. Hank's average rose to .314.

Brooks Sign Reese, Robinson and Campane

By JOE REICHLER

New York, Jan. 12 (AP)—In one fell swoop, the Brooklyn Dodgers signed "half of their ball club" today when Jackie Robinson, Pee Wee Reese and Roy Campanella affixed their signatures to contracts totaling just under $100,000.

The triple signing of three of their big guns boosted to an even dozen the number of Dodgers in the fold for 1953 as the National League champions endeavored to get their house in order in record time. Other regulars already "satisfied and contented" include pitchers Joe Black and Preacher Roe, first baseman Gil Hodges and outfielder George Shuba.

Dodger Vice-President E. J. "Buzzie" Bavasi did not divulge the individual figures.

He did say that all three received slight increases, that Robinson was the highest salaried player on the club and that the total salary of the trio was "not quite $100,000."

Robinson, who said the news that he was the highest paid player on the Dodgers was a distinct surprise to him, will earn an estimated $38,000 for his work this year.

Won't Warm Bench

Reese, who, like Robinson, will be 34 on his next birthday, reportedly will receive $35,000 and Campanella $25,000. Each stated for public consumption that he was "very happy" and expected to have "a good season" in '53.

Robinson reiterated that he expected to play one more season after this one but would not return in 1954 if he could not play regularly.

"No bench warming for me," he stated emphatically. "Right now I feel fine. My legs don't bother me a bit. But if at any time this season I find that baseball has become too much of a chore, I'm not going to return in '54. I'll play only as long as I feel I can be an asset to the club."

Campanella, trimmed down to a pleasingly plump 210 due to a strict egg diet, drew a lot of attention at the elaborate press conference with a newly sprouted mustache which he insisted he will carry with him to spring training next month.

"I've never felt better," beamed the portly catcher, who insisted he was "only 31," despite 17 years in baseball, 10 of which he spent in the Negro leagues. "I've shed 10 pounds already. I'm leaving on the 20th for Hot Springs, Ark., with Joe Black, where we will take in the baths and work out for 10 days. I don't need the baths, but somebody has to chaperone 'our pitching staff.'"

Reese Is Honored

Reese, who was honored tonight by the Baseball Photographers Association for being the "most co-operative of all Dodgers," predicted the Giants would be the team to beat for the pennant this year.

"If Sal Maglie and Larry Jansen recover from their bad backs, they're going to be awfully rough," he said.

Robinson handed the palm to the Philadelphia Phillies. "I think the Phillies will be tougher than the Giants," he said, "especially if Curt Simmons can go all year. They've got the best pitching in the league."

Campanella declined to name any specific team but opined that all clubs would be tough.

"If we play like we can, we should win the pennant again, and the World Series, too, I hope," he said.

Robinson was the top Dodger hitter last season. He batted .308, fourth highest in the league. Reese hit .272 and led the circuit with 30 stolen bases. Campanella batted only .269 but drove in 97 runs and contributed 22 home runs.

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FOWLS WELCOME—This is a most happy trip to the plate for three members of the Brooklyn Dodgers, who are getting personal food service from E. J. "Buzzie" Bavasi, Dodger vice-president, after they signed 1953 contracts yesterday. From left, are B Louisville's Pee Wee Reese, Jackie Robinson and Roy Campanella.

Dodgers Drop 5-3 Thriller To Milwaukee

Braves Chase Erskine, Then Bombard Palica

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 5 (AP) — Walker Cooper lashed a pinch single over second base behind back-to-back doubles by Joe Adcock and Del Crandall in the eighth inning today as the Milwaukee Braves snapped a six-game home losing streak to beat Brooklyn, 5-3, before 30,741 fans, the largest week day afternoon crowd of the year.

Lew Burdette, who was involved in an apparent name-calling episode with Dodger catcher Roy Campanella Monday night, retired the last three Brooklyn batters to preserve the victory and cut the Braves' deficit to 7½ games. Although Ernie Johnson, who relieved starter Max Surkont in the eighth, received credit for the win.

Dodger starter Carl Erskine had a shut out going until the seventh when a two-base error by Junior Gilliam on pinch-hitter Harry Hanebrink's hard grounder scored Crandall and Jack Dittmer.

Adcock and Crandall doubled successively to chase Erskine as the eighth opened and Erv Palica relieved. Sid Gordon lined out and Dittmer was walked intentionally, but Cooper's sharp single sent Crandall home to put the Braves' ahead, Warren Spahn, running for Cooper, was hit by Billy Bruton's grounder, but Sibby Sisti walked to fill the bases and a pass to Eddie Mathews forced in the cushion run.

Gil Hodges drove in the first two Brooklyn runs on fly balls to center in the first and fifth innings, scoring Gilliam each time. The final Dodger tally was on Carl Furillo's 14th home run into the left field bleachers in the sixth.

Milwaukee	AB	H	O	A	Brooklyn	AB	H	O	A
Bruton, cf	3	2	6	1	Gilliam,2b	5	2	3	3
Pen'ton,ss	3	0	3	2	Reese, ss	3	0	1	3
cHan'br'k	1	0	0	0	Snider, cf	3	1	0	0
Sisti, ss	0	0	1	0	Hodges,1b	4	1	10	1
M'th'ws,3b	3	1	0	1	Cam'n'la,c	4	1	4	0
Pafko, rf	5	1	1	0	Furillo, rf	4	2	3	0
Adcock,1b	4	1	6	1	Shuba, lf	2	1	1	0
Crandall,c	4	1	6	1	aTh'pson	1	0	2	0
Gordon, lf	4	2	6	0	Cox, 3b	4	1	0	3
Dittmer,2b	3	2	3	1	Erskine, p	3	0	0	2
Surkont, p	1	1	1	1	Palica, p	0	0	0	0
dCrowe	1	0	0	0	Milliken,p	0	0	0	0
Johnson, p	0	0	0	0	bRobinson	1	0	0	0
eCooper	1	1	0	0					
fSpahn	0	0	0	0					
Burdette,p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	33	11	27	8	Totals	34	9	24	10

a—Ran for Shuba in 6th.
b—Flied out for Milliken in 9th
c—Safe on error for Pendleton in 7th
d—Fanned for Surkont in 7th
e—Singled for Johnson in 8th
f—Ran for Cooper in 8th

Milwaukee	100	011	000	—	3
Brooklyn	000	000	23x	—	5

R—Gilliam 2, Furillo, Adcock, Crandall 2, Dittmer 2. E—Gilliam. RBI—Hodges 2, Furillo, Crandall, Cooper, Mathews. 2B—Gilliam, Adcock, Crandall. HR—Furillo. SB—Cox. S—Reese, Surkont. DP—Gilliam, Reese and Hodges; Bruton, Adcock and Dittmer. Left—Brooklyn 7, Milwaukee 11. BB—Erskine 3, Palica 3, Surkont 2. SO—Erskine 4, Surkont 3, Johnson 2, Burdette 1. HO—Erskine 9 in 7 (pitched to 1 in 8th), Palica 2 in 2-3, Milliken 0 in 1-3, Surkont 8 in 7, Johnson 1 in 1, Burdette 0 in 1.

R-ER—Erskine 4-2, Palica 0-0, Surkont 3-3, Johnson 0-0, Burdette 0-0. W—Johnson (2-2). L—Erskine (11-5). U—Donatelli, Conlan, Warneke and Gorman. T—2:30. A—30,741.

Brooklyn's Four Negroes May Be in Line for All-Star Game Berths

BROOKLYN—There are four Negroes playing with the Brooklyn Dodgers and it won't be surprising if all four make the National League All-Star team.

The four are Jackie Robinson, who was the All-Star second baseman the last four years, but is now at third base; Roy Campanella, All-Star catcher four years in a row; Joe Black, who was not selected for the team as a rookie last year but is now recognized as one of the best relief pitchers in baseball, and Jim (Junior) Gilliam, rookie second baseman.

Charlie Dressen, Dodger manager who turned Robinson into a third baseman, is willing to bet that Jackie will be chosen for the All-Star team at his new position.

Dressen points out that Robinson is a better hitter and base runner than any other third baseman in the league, and the manager believes that his man is at least the equal of any of the others as a fielder even though he is new to the job.

"The main thing, though, is his hitting," Dressen says. "The fans vote for the regular line-up and they almost always go for the man with the highest batting average. That will be Robinson.

Robinson is also the most familiar name among the National League third basemen and that won't hurt his chances any. At this early date, the opponent who seems most likely to challenge Jackie in the balloting is Ed Mathews of the Milwaukee Braves. Mathews hits home-runs, which is something that always appeals to the voters, and he has been off to a spectacular, headline-catching start.

Campanella will almost surely have the poll all to himself among the catchers. Del Crandall, another promising young player with the Braves, is the only other catcher with vote appeal, and he will still finish a distant second at best.

Campanella has the name and also the current credentials . . . He is having the best spring of his life and seems prepared to compete for home-run and runs-batted-in honors in the league this year.

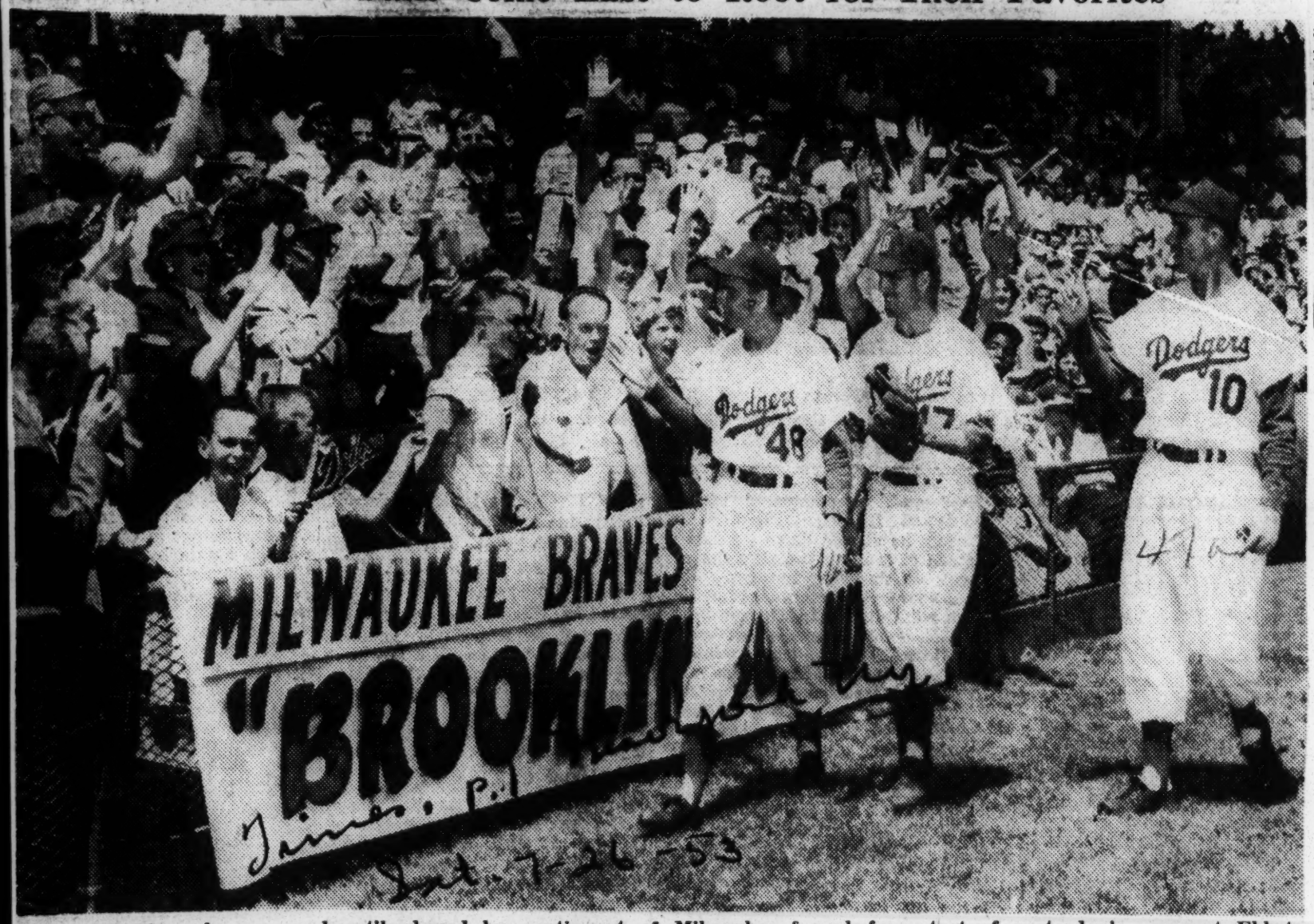
Gilliam, despite his impressive showing so far, figures to lose out to Red Schoendienst of the Cards in the fan roll. But Dressen will be managing the All-Star team this year and he will have the right to name the reserves. Gilliam, who would be useful as a pinch-hitter, pinch-runner and utility infielder, may be picked no matter where he stands in the balloting, and he'll certainly be picked if he stands as high as second.

The manager also picks the pitchers, and that makes Black a cinch. The All-Star pitchers go no more than three innings apiece, and for a short stint in an important game there is no one Dressen would rather have going for him than Black.

In addition to the four Brooklyn players, there are two other Negroes who will probably make the All-Star squad. They are Monte Irvin of the Giants and young Bill Bruton of the Braves, both outfielders.

DODGERS HONORED BY UJA—Brooklyn Dodger "utility man" and leading hitter, "old man" Jackie Robinson (center) receives a golden shoe as "Athlete of the Year," while "Jolly" Cholly Dressen (left), Brooks' manager, gets a "Good Luck" horseshoe, in the hopes that he will be able to bring the pennant to Ebbets Field again. Setting was the United Jewish Appeal dinner in New York recently. Making the presentation is Sam Abrams, a member of the shoe industry's campaign committee to aid in the fund-raising drive. (Newspress Photo.)

Milwaukee Fans Come East to Root for Their Favorites



Three Brooklyn players are heartily booed by contingent of Milwaukee fans before start of yesterday's game at Ebbets Field. Left to right: Glenn Mickens, Carl Erskine and Rube Walker. The fans made special trip here for Dodger series.

Dodgers Get 5 in Fifth to Regain 5½-Game Edge Over Braves

By ROSCOE McGOWEN

Charley Grimm, manager of the Braves, who said recently that he was "not impressed" by the Dodgers, must have revised his opinion slightly at the end of yesterday's game at Ebbets Field, watched by 25,963 fans, including 7,100 Knothole Club youngsters and 500 Milwaukee fans.

The Dodgers "impressed" the Braves, 7—0, to regain their five and one-half game first-place lead, with Russ Meyer allowing only four hits in hurling the seventh shutout of the campaign for the Brooklyn mound corps.

Two of the hits, singles by George Crowe and Bill Bruton, were made in the eighth inning after two were out and Meyer had no trouble retiring the next four men to insure his shutout, his ninth triumph and his third over Milwaukee.

Russ fanned five and walked two and Bruton, the only Brave who got close to the plate, was cut down by one of Carl Furillo's fine throws. That happened in the fourth inning, when Bruton walked at the start and, with one out, reached third on Eddie Mathews' double high off the right field barrier. Sid Gordon lifted a fly to Furillo in short right center and Carl's throw beat Bruton to the plate.

Roy Campanella was upset by Bruton but held the ball and Umpire Bill Engeln called Bruton out despite the protests of the Braves' center fielder and Manager Grimm.

Campanella Hits Homer

Camp had given the Brooks a 2-0 bulge in the second inning when, following a pass to Furillo, Roy lined his twenty-sixth homer deep into the lower left field stands off Jim Wilson, the losing pitcher.

In the fifth inning, the Dodgers drove Wilson, as well as his immediate successor, Dave Jolly, out and scored five runs to wrap up the triumph.

Junior Gilliam started the rally with a line drive to left center that took a bad hop to Bruton's left and went for a triple. Pee Wee Reese walked on four pitches and with the Milwaukee infield playing in, Duke Snider bounced a single through the middle, scoring Gilliam and sending Reese to third.

When Jackie Robinson lined a low single to right just out of Joe Adcock's reach, scoring Reese and sending Duke to third, Grimm removed his starter and called on Jolly.

Dave got nobody out, Gill Hodges lining a single to left and the Brooks getting the benefit of another bad hop when Furillo's hot grounder bounded high and just off the tip of Mathews' glove for a scoring single.

Buhl Replaces Jolly

Here Bob Buhl replaced Jolly and Campanella drove in the fifth run of the inning and last of the game with a long fly to Gordon.

Thereafter the only Brooklyn hit was a bunt by Snider off Ernie Johnson in the sixth with two out. It was quite a bunt, too, the ball rolling to third base and hitting the bag while Mathews watched it, hoping it would roll foul.

Meyer had a perfect game going until he walked Bruton in the fourth and a no-hitter until Mathews lofted his double to right in the same inning. Johnny Logan made the other hit, a line single to left with two out in the sixth, Logan reaching second base when Robinson fumbled the ball. Russ struck out the side in that inning, Harry Hanebrink, batting for Buhl, Bruton and Mathews all going down swinging.

Cheers for Branca

The biggest cheer of the afternoon was heard during the seventh inning while the Brooks were afield and was for a former Dodger. Tex Rickards, Ebbets Field announcer, brought it with the following:

"Ralph Branca hit a triple with the bases loaded in that seven-run first inning at Detroit."

The murmur that had run through the stands when the "7" appeared on the scoreboard turned into a roar of applause with Tex' announcement.

Wilson (3-8) never has won a game in Brooklyn and has a lifetime 2-8 record against the Dodgers.

Campanella again leads the major leagues in runs batted in with 90. Hodges is second with 87. Snider leads the majors in runs scored with 80—as many as he scored all last year.

In the second inning Andy Pafko's bat flew out of his hands and reached the mound almost at the same time as the ball. It was touch and go for a second whether Meyer would field the bat or the ball.

Lester Pearson of Canada, president of the United Nations General Assembly, watched the game from a box back of the Dodger dugout.

The paid attendance of 18,863 raised Brooklyn's total for fifty-two games to 801,239 as compared to 702,032 for same number of games last year.

The New York Times (by Ernest Sisto)

Three of the top sluggers in National League display "war club" before start of game. Left to right, are Gil Hodges, Dodgers; Ed Mathews, Braves and Roy Campanella, Dodgers.

BROOKS WIN, 16 TO 7

Campanella's 2 Homers Mark Rout of Giants—Snider Connects

By JOSEPH M. SHEEHAN

Ripping into five pitchers for seventeen hits, the pennant-bound Dodgers handed the forlorn Giants a 16-7 lambasting before 23,636 jeering onlookers at the Polo Grounds yesterday. It was the Brooks' ninth straight victory over their interborough rivals and raised their league lead over the runner-up Braves to eleven games.

Carl Furillo paced the Brooklyn attack with a four-for-four day, which put him out in front in the see-saw race for the National League batting title with an average of .345. His blows included a triple and two doubles.

However, the most forceful factor in the Dodger explosion against Jim Hearn, Dave Koslo, Al Corwin, Montia Kennedy and Marv Grissom (who alone escaped damage) was Roy Campanella.

Brooklyn's catcher crashed two homers, his thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh of the season, which tied him with Gabby Hartnett as the most prolific homer-hitting catcher in major league history. Gabby set the record of thirty-seven in 1930 with the Cubs.

Brooklyn Record Surpassed

Roy's out-of-the-park wallops brought home five runs, which raised his runs-batted-in total to 131, breaking the Brooklyn club mark of 130 shared by Jacques Fournier and Babe Herman.

Duke Snider (No. 36) and Pee Wee Reese (No. 12) also hit for the circuit as the slugging Brooks totaled thirty-five bases on their safeties. Every starter, except Pitcher Bob Milliken, sharer in the onslaught, with Snider and Jackie Robinson collecting three blows apiece to elevate their imposing batting averages another few notches.

It was the highest score rolled up against the Giants this season and for a while it appeared as though the Dodgers were going to top the 20-6 count the New Yorkers had piled up against them at the Polo Grounds on July 5. However, after scoring at least once in each of the first seven innings, the Brooks suddenly ran out of gas.

A three-run homer by Campanella in the first inning touched off the massacre. The Brooks polished off Hearn and kept rolling against Koslo in the second, a four-run frame marked by Reese's three-run homer.

A couple of walks, a single by Billy Cox and a Giant error gave the Dodgers two more runs in the third and they added another pair in the fourth against Corwin on Snider's homer, a walk and a couple of lesser hits.

Brooks Score 2 in Sixth

Held to a single tally by Kennedy in the fifth, the Brooks came back with two more in the sixth, in a flurry distinguished by Furillo's double and another brace in the seventh when Campanella connected for the second time.

The crowd cheered derisively when Kennedy's managed to retire the side in order in the eighth. Grissom repeated this trick in the ninth, the Dodgers by that time apparently having lost interest.

With the powerful batting support, Milliken breezed to his seventh victory. The Giants hit the rookie right-hander hard on occasion but with all doubt removed from the issue so early in the proceedings, Manager Charley Dressen let him go the distance.

Al Dark paced the eleven-hit Giant attack with a run-producing triple in the third; his eighteenth homer, hit with a runner on base in the fourth when the New Yorkers scored three times, and a double in the ninth, a two-run frame for the home side. Bobby Hofman accounted for the other Giant marker with a homer in the sixth.

Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., and Charlotte, N. C., neighbors of Whitey Lockman presented an automobile to him before the game. The Giants' first baseman also received a silver service set from his teammates.

Gilliam broke Eddie Stanky's 1943 National League rookie record for bases on balls when he drew a pass in the second inning. It was Junior's ninety-third free ticket.

Snider, with a nineteen-game batting streak, is just one game short of matching Andy Pafko's string, the longest of the season in the National League.

J. Norman Lewis, the lawyer who has been engaged to represent the major league players in their dealings with the club owners, had been scheduled to confer with the Dodgers after the game but canceled the appointment because of illness.

Wayne Belardi, Brooklyn's No. 1 pinch-hitter, was 23 years old yesterday.

The box score:

BROOKLYN (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.
Gilliam, 2b	4	2	1	2	4
Reese, ss	3	1	1	1	0
Morgan, ss	3	0	0	0	0
Snider, cf	3	3	3	4	0
Thompson, cf	1	0	0	0	0
Robinson, lf	4	2	3	4	0
R.Williams, lf	2	0	0	1	0
Campanella, c	6	2	2	7	0
Hodges, 1b	4	1	1	4	0
Furillo, rf	4	3	4	2	0
Cox, 3b	3	2	2	2	0
Milliken, p	3	0	0	0	0
Total	40	16	17	27	4

NEW YORK (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.
Lockman, 1b	4	2	1	6	1
Dark, ss	5	2	3	2	2
Rhodes, lf	4	0	1	4	0
Mueller, rf	5	0	1	1	1
Westrum, c	3	0	0	1	1
Calderone, c	1	0	0	3	0
Spencer, 2b	5	0	2	4	0
Thomson, cf	4	0	0	3	0
Hofman, 3b	4	2	2	3	1
Hearn, p	0	0	0	0	0
Koslo, p	0	0	0	0	0
aD.Williams	1	1	1	0	0
Corwin, p	0	0	0	0	0
bGilbert	1	0	0	0	0
Kennedy, p	1	0	0	0	2
cIrvin	1	0	0	0	0
Grissom, p	0	0	0	0	0
Total	39	7	11	27	8

aSingled for Koslo in third.
bGrounded out for Corwin in fourth.
cStruck out for Kennedy in eighth.

Brooklyn	3	4	2	2	1	2	2	0	0	—16
New York	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	2	— 7

Errors—Hodges, Hofman.
Runs batted in—Campanella 5, Cox 2, Reese 3, Dark 3, Snider, Hodges, Lockman, Robinson, Gilliam 2, Hofman, Rhodes, Mueller.
Two-base hits—Furillo 2, Hofman, Rhodes, Dark. Three-base hits—Furillo, Robinson, Dark. Home runs—Campanella 2, Reese, Snider, Dark, Hofman. Sacrifices—Milliken 2, Snider. Left on bases—Brooklyn 7, New York 8. Bases on balls—Off Hearn 1, Koslo 2, Milliken 3, Corwin 2, Kennedy 2. Struck out—By Milliken 6, Kennedy 2, Grissom 1. Hits—Off Hearn 5 in 1 1-3 innings, Koslo 3 in 1 2-3, Corwin 3 in 1, Kennedy 6 in 4, Grissom 0 in 1. Runs and earned runs—Off Hearn 6 and 6, Koslo 3 and 2, Corwin 2 and 2, Kennedy 5 and 5, Milliken 7 and 7. Wild pitches—Hearn, Milliken. Winning pitcher—Milliken (7—3). Losing pitcher—Hearn (9—9). Umpires—Pinelli, Boggess, Engeln and Stewart. Time of game—3:01. Attendance—23,636.

Campanella's Homers Help Brooks Defeat Redlegs, 7-4

By ROSCOE McGOWEN
Special to The New York Times.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 8—Fifteen minutes before tonight's game between the Dodgers and Redlegs was due to start, rain forced the ground crew to rush tarpaulins over the infield and sent the early arrivals in the bleachers and exposed box seats back under the stands.

Three minutes before game time, however, the tarpaulins were being removed, the fans returned to their seats and the two southpaw pitchers, Preacher Roe (7—2) and Fred Baczewski (6—1) started warming up. It was still drizzling lightly and umbrellas were in evidence in the lower stands.

The Dodgers won, 7—4. Roy Campanella put the Brooks ahead to stay in the seventh with his second two-run homer of the game.

Roe entered the contest with a winning streak of six games. His most recent loss was here on May 18 when Ted Kluszewski hit a homer in the tenth inning for a 2-1 victory for the Redlegs.

Baczewski, in his only other start against the Brooks, beat them in Brooklyn on July 19 with a five-hitter. Billy Cox's home run accounted for the only score against Fred.

Gilliam, Reese Walk

Baczewski's former mastery over the Brooks was not in evidence at the start. He walked Junior Gilliam on a three-two pitch, then passed Reese on a three-one pitch. Jackie Robinson lined a single to left, scoring Gilliam, then Roy Campanella belted a first pitch far over the left center field wall for three runs and his twenty-eighth homer of the campaign.

With two out, Duke Snider whacked a double to left center but Billy Cox ended the inning with a pop to Rocky Bridges.

Bridges opened the Redleg first with a pop fly single into short left field, but Roe struck out Bobby Adams and Gus Bell and disposed of Kluszewski on a short fly to left. Robinson had to come in fast for the ball hit by Kluszewski.

Gilliam walked again in the second after Roe fanned. Bell made a great, running, gloved-hand catch of Reese's pop fly to short center then rifled the ball to first base to double Junior off the bag.

Roe set the Redlegs down in order in the second, aided no little by Carl Furillo's fine running catch of Jim Greengrass' drive to deep right center.

Robinson opened against Baczewski in the third by banging a double high off the wall to the left of the score board, but Campanella lifted a fly to Bell in short left center. On the first pitch to Hodges, Robinson stole third base. The inning ended on another double play, Adams taking Hodges' hot liner and stepping on third before Robinson could get back.

Roe set ten men down in order after Bridges' first inning single but ran into trouble in the fourth with one out. Bell and Kluszewski put home runs back to back, Gus belting a three-one pitch into the right field bleachers and Ted hitting a low liner that took off and cleared the right field fence. It was Gus' No. 26 and Ted's No. 33.

The Preacher then walked Greengrass and, after striking out Willard Marshall, gave a pass to Andy Seminick. Roe finally ended the inning when Robinson took McMillan's long drive to left center.

The home-run ball caught up with Roe in the sixth. He got Kluszewski out on a grounder to Hodges. Then walked Greengrass. Marshall, with one strike against him, hammered the ball over the right center field fence for two runs and a tie score. The blow was Marshall's thirteenth homer of the season.

When Roe walked Seminick he was replaced by Billy Loes, who stopped the Redlegs. McMillan bounced to Loes, whose throw to Gilliam forced Seminick. Then Baczewski hit a soft liner to Reese to end the frame.

Manager Chuck Dressen visited Don Zimmer at his home this morning. The young shortstop, slated eventually to replace Peewee Reese, is recovering from a skull fracture suffered some time ago.

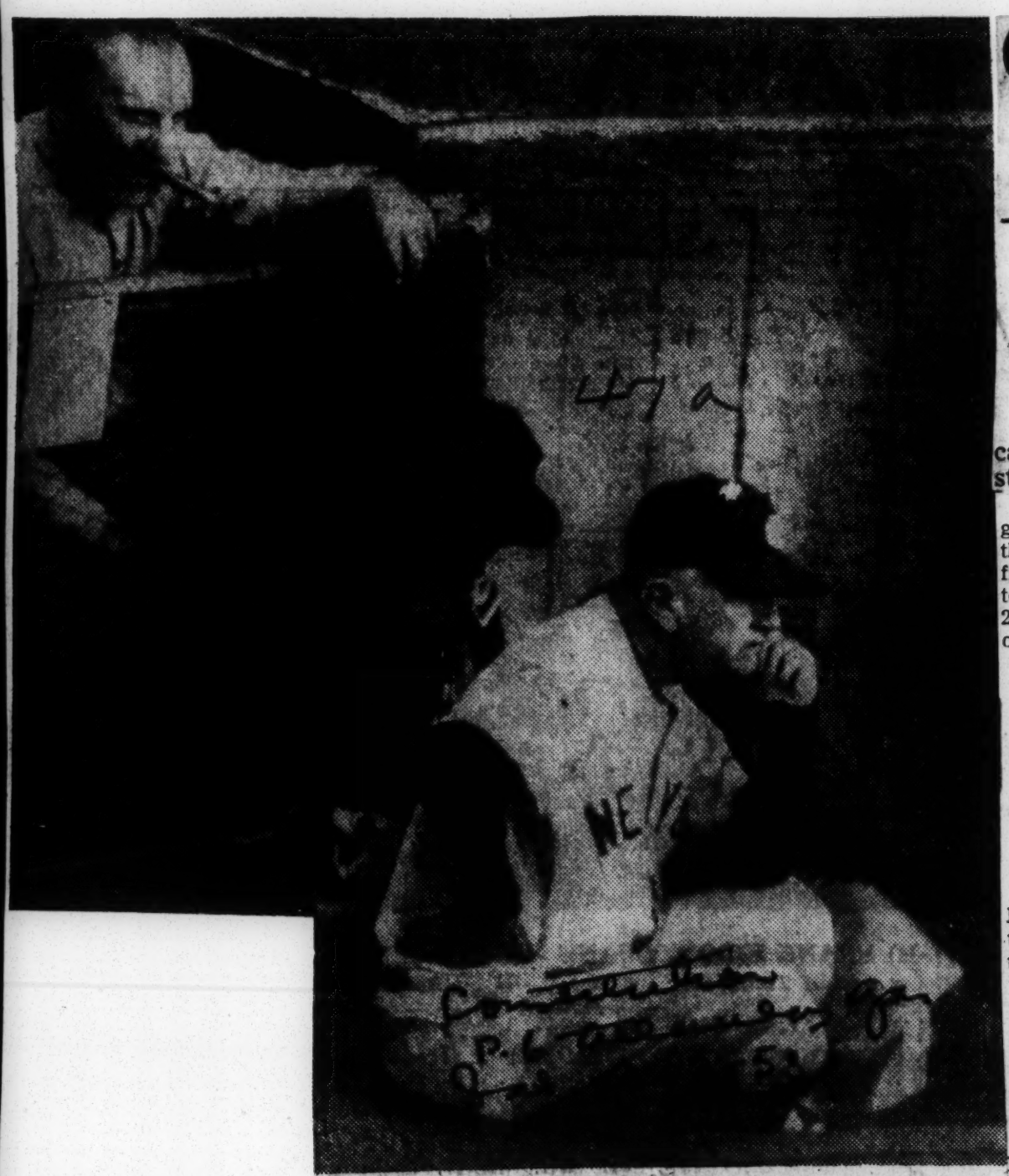
Campanella, in the first inning, became the first National League catcher to bat in 100 or more runs in two seasons. Roy went into the game with 98 R. B. I.'s and his three-run homer put him over the top. Only three times previously had a National League catcher driven in 100 or more. The leaders are Gabby Hartnett, in 1930, and Walker Cooper, in 1947, with 122 each. Campy batted in 108 runs in 1951. The major league mark is held by Bill Dickey, with 133, in 1937.

The line-up:

DODGERS (N.)	CINCINNATI (N.)
Gilliam, 2b	Bridges, 2b
Reese, ss	Adams, 3b
Robinson, lf	Bell, cf
Campanella, c	Kluszewski, 1b
Hodges, 1b	Greengrass, lf
Furillo, rf	Marshall, rf
Snider, cf	Seminick, c
Cox, 3b	McMillan, ss
Roe, p	Baczewski, p

Bklyn.	. .	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	—	7	7	0
Cinc.	. . .	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	—	4	5	0

Batteries—Roe, Loes (6) and Campanella; Baczewski and Seminick.



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LY YANKEE CARL ERSKINE DIDN'T STRIKE OUT
tches From Dugout as Dodger Right-Hander Whiffs 14

Carl Erskine Fans 14 As Dodgers Win, 3-2

Hurler Breaks 24-Year-Old Series Whiff Mark; Bums Climb Back on Campanella's Homer in 8th

By BOB CONSIDINE

NEW YORK, Oct. 2 (INS)—Carl Erskine, stouthearted Dodger right hander, carved himself a timeless niche in baseball history today at Ebbets Field with a 14-strikeout 3-2 victory over the New York Yankees.

A fearsome flop in the first game of the World Series, when the Yanks annihilated him in the first inning, Erskine came back today to break Howard Ehmke's 24-year-old World Series record of 13 strikeouts.

A grateful Dodger team, now back in the running in a series which started like a rout but now can be tied at two games apiece if they win tomorrow, leveled Yankee right-hander Vic Raschi with a ninth cannonade climaxed by Roy Campanella's game - winning home run.

The Dodgers will send Billy Loes against the Yankees' Whitey Ford in the fourth game of the series tomorrow.

Campy's blow in the eighth inning broke a 2-2 tie and sent 35,270 spectators, most ever to see a World Series game in Brooklyn, into spasms of delight. But the mob saved its greatest roar for Erskine as he trotted off the field, surrounded by joyous Dodger teammates, all seemingly bent on embracing him.

Erskine struck out Mickey Mantle—hero of Thursday's game—four times. He fanned Joe Collins—hero of Wednesday's game—four times. Other victims were Gil McDougald, Gene Woodling, Phil Rizzuto, Raschi and pinch-hitter Don Bollweg.

But he saved the most dramatic victim for the last. One man was out in the ninth. In the alternate hush and holler of that most dramatic stage of the game, with Ehmke's record now tied and Johnny Mize at the plate, Erskine fired two savage strikes past the most menacing pinch-hitter in modern baseball.

Then Mize fouled one off. Erskine, a small man compared to the mountainous slugger confronting him at the plate, walked back to the mound, caressed the resin bag briefly, took his classic windup and fanned Mize with a low curve ball that big Johnny missed by a foot.

The Yankees were able to hit only five balls out of the infield throughout the two-hour-and-58-minute game, so great was the control of the Dodger pitcher who only two days ago at the Stadium couldn't find the plate, and, when he did, got slammed for two triples.

So now the Golden Anniversary series, which had $209,382.68 added to its net kitty during the day, stands at two games for the Yankees and one for the Dodgers.

It was not so much that the Dodgers won but the way they won today that dropped the odds on the Yankees back to 9 to 5.

The Yanks, for example, were first to score, and in a way quite galling to all but a lion-hearted pitcher. The irrepressible Billy Martin, who plays every game as if it will be his last, led off the Yankee fifth with a single which Pee Wee Reese knocked down. Reese nearly got Martin at first. Then Phil Rizzuto pushed a hit through the box. Junior Gilliam, Dodger second baseman, nearly turned the drive into a force-out, but couldn't hold the ball, and both runners were safe.

Raschi contributed to his own cause at that stage with a perfect sacrifice that moved the men up

Billy Cox dumped a fine bunt on the grass to Raschi's left, and Robinson scored easily on the squeeze—while the ugly old ball-yard shook with the clatter of Brooklyn fans. Martin tried to fully for Robinson at the plate, but the great Negro athlete with a double off the wire in right. Oddly, rattled by Robinson's feinting a steal, Raschi committed a balk, a grave miscue for a man of his experience, and Robinson was invited to advance to third.

Bauer to roll to Gilliam. And the Dodgers tied the score at 1-1 as soon as they got to bat in their half of the inning.

With one away, Jackie Robinson roared out of his soggy slump with a double off the wire in right. Oddly, rattled by Robinson's feinting a steal, Raschi committed a balk, a grave miscue for a man of his experience, and Robinson was invited to advance to third.

a base. And Gil McDougald came through with his first hit of the series, a scorcher that Billy Cox stopped at third but could not handle in time to catch Martin at the plate or McDougald at first.

Erskine broke the back of that curious un - Yankee - like rally by striking out Collins for the third time and forcing Hank

down and got Gilliam and Reese on infield dribblers.

Robinson also provided the chief wallop in the sixth inning surge, during which the Dodgers took a 2-1 lead. Duke Snider lined a single into center at the start, and the customers howled happily when Raschi then walked Gil Hodges. That brought up the Dodgers' stylishly stout and mournful Campanella, who was not sure he should play today—because of a swollen hand—and by that time in the game was surer he should not have.

He had struck out and weakly forced a runner in two previous appearances. Now he had a chance to make amends. But Chuck Dressen, in an eccentric move, called for him to bunt. Camp did—straight up.

Raschi caught the little pop, and then struck out Furillo, to take tremendous pressure off himself. But Robinson slashed a fierce single to left, scoring Snider with the run that put the Dodgers out in front, 2-1.

Once again, Erskine appeared to be headed for home on a broad smooth road. The Yanks had not hit a ball out of the infield since McDougald's fly ball in the third.

But the Yanks tied it, nonetheless, in the eighth. Erskine struck out Collins for the fourth time to start the inning, but Hank Bauer nicked him for a single to center, and he hit Yogi Berra in the hip for the second time during the game. In this predicament, Erskine fanned Mantle for the fourth time with a zipping curve that made the Yankee wonder boy look like a wonder-where-it-is boy.

The Brooklyn righthander seemed out of trouble, but Woodling flung him right back in with a solid knock to center that scored Bauer and knotted it 2-2.

Few World Series games have ended as dramatically as this one. There were a few groans of despair when Campanella waddled to the plate with one out in the eighth, not to mention cirticism of Dressen for keeping the wounded buffalo in there.

But Campy hit Vic's first pitch into the lower left field stands, and it proved to be the tidy edge Erskine needed.

Dodgers 3 Yanks 2

NEW YORK (A)	AB	R	H	O	A	E
McDougald,3b	4	0	1	2	3	0
cNoren	0	0	0	0	0	0
Collins,1b	5	0	0	8	0	0
Bauer,rf	4	1	1	1	0	0
Berra,c	1	0	1	4	1	0
Mantle,cf	4	0	0	2	0	0
Woodling,lf	4	0	1	0	0	0
Martin,2b	3	1	1	3	4	0
Rizzuto,ss	3	0	1	3	3	0
aBollweg	1	0	0	0	0	0
Raschi,p	2	0	0	1	1	0
bMize	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	2	6	24	12	0

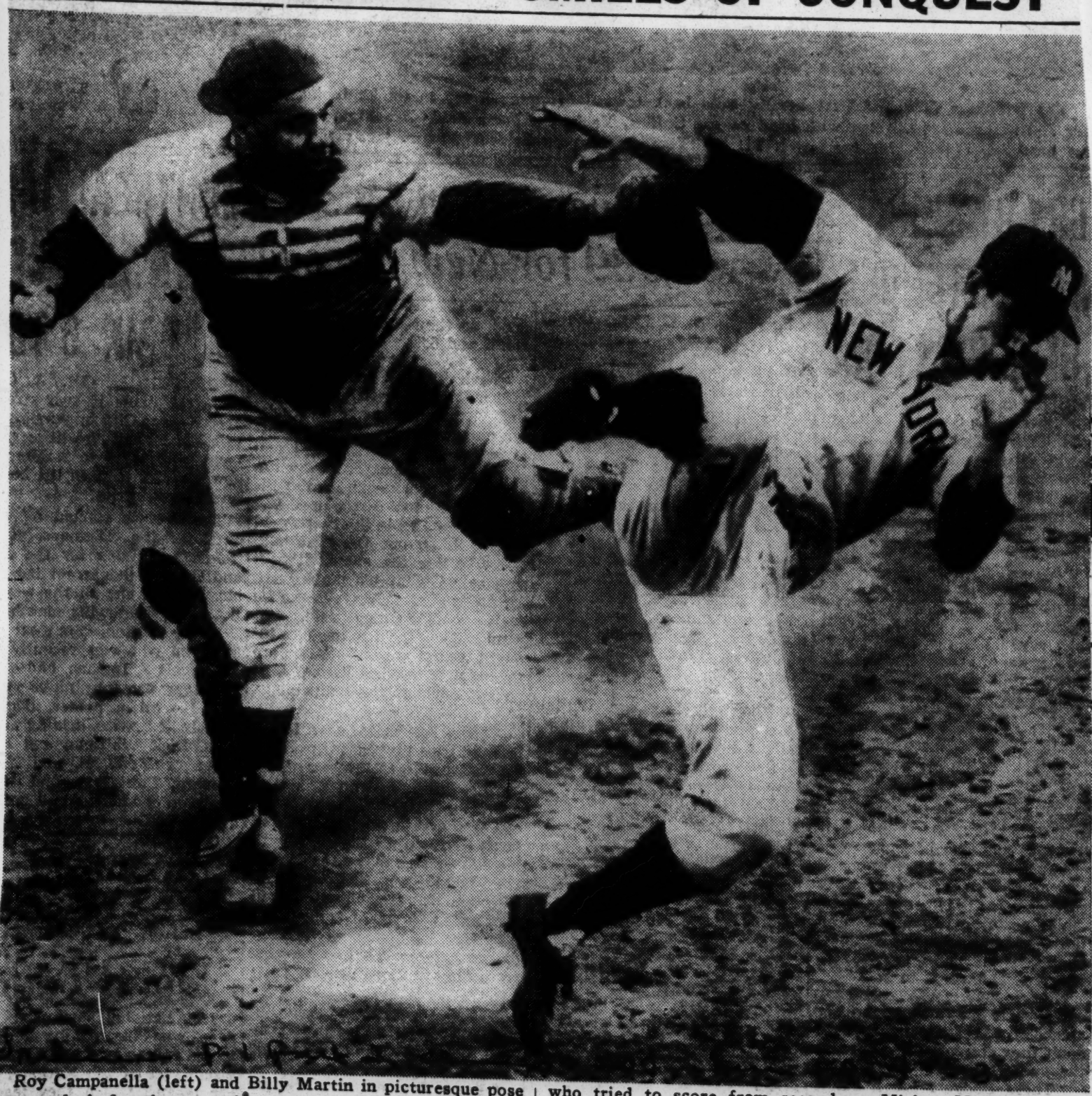
a—Struck out for Rizzuto in 9th
b—Struck out for Raschi in 9th
c—Walked for McDougald in 9th

BROOKLYN (N)	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Gilliam,2b	4	0	1	1	2	0
Reese,ss	4	0	1	1	4	0
Snider,cf	3	1	1	0	0	0
Hodges,1b	2	0	1	8	1	0
Campanella,c	4	1	1	14	0	0
Furillo,rf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Robinson,lf	4	1	3	1	0	0
Thompson,lf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cox,3b	3	0	0	0	1	0
Erskine,p	3	0	1	1	2	0
Totals	31	3	9	27	10	0

New York (A) ..... 000 010 010—2
Brooklyn (N) ..... 000 011 01x—3

RBI—McDougald, Cox, Robinson, Woodling, Campanella. 2B—Robinson. HR—Campanella. S—Raschi, Cox. DP—Rizzuto, Martin and Collins. Left—New York 9, Brooklyn 8. BB—Erskine 3, Berra, Martin, Noren Raschi 3, Snider, Hodges 2. SO—Erskine 14; McDougald, Collins 4, Mantle 4, Rizzuto, Raschi, Woodling, Bollweg, Mize; Raschi 4; Reese, Campanella, Furillo, Cox. HBP—By Erskine, Berra 2. WP—Erskine. Balk—Raschi. W—Erskine. L—Raschi. U—Ed Hurley (AL), plate; Art Gore (NL), first base; Bill Grieve (AL), second base; Bill Stewart (NL), third base; Hank Soar (AL), left field; Frank Descoli (NL), right field. T—3:00. A—35,272 paid. Receipts (net) $209,382.68

SUDDEN ENDING—SMILES OF CONQUEST



Roy Campanella (left) and Billy Martin in picturesque pose as yesterday's fourth game of world series comes to a sudden end on Don Thompson's brilliant throw from left field to plate. The Dodgers' Campanella tagged the Yanks' irritated Martin who tried to score from second on Mickey Mantle's single. Dodgers won, 7 to 3, but baseball observers pondered strategy which flagged Martin home on the play.

[Associated Press Wirephotos]

Four who played important roles in Dodger victory yesterday were (left to right): Clem Labine, whose relief pitching stopped Yanks in ninth; Junior Gilliam, who hit three doubles; Duke Snider, who drove in four runs, and Billy Loes, winning pitcher.

Flatbush's Joy Knows No Bounds

BROOKLYN	AB	R	H	RBI	P	A	E
Gilliam, 2b	5	1	3	2	2	2	0
Reese, ss	5	0	0	0	2	1	0
Robinson, lf	4	0	1	1	1	0	0
Thom'son, lf	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Hodges, 1b	4	1	0	0	5	1	0
Cam'ella, c	2	2	0	0	10	0	0
Snider, cf	4	1	3	4	5	0	0
Furillo, rf	4	1	1	0	2	0	0
Cox, 3b	4	1	2	0	0	1	0
Loes, p	3	0	2	0	0	0	0
Labine, p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	35	7	12	7	27	6	0

NEW YORK	AB	R	H	RBI	P	A	E
Mantle, cf	5	0	1	1	1	0	0
Collins, 1b	4	0	0	0	9	1	0
Bauer, rf	4	0	1	0	4	0	0
Berra, c	4	0	2	0	4	0	0
Woodling, lf	3	1	1	0	1	0	0
Martin, 2b	4	1	2	0	4	2	0
M'Dou'd, 3b	3	1	1	2	0	5	0
Rizzuto, ss	4	0	1	0	0	2	0
Ford, p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gorman, p	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Sain, p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shallock, p	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	*35	3	9	3	24	11	0

*Bollweg struck out for Gorman in 5th, Noren popped out for Sain in 7th, and Mize flied out for Shallock in 9th.

New York	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1—3
Brooklyn	3	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	x—7

Sacrifice—Loes. Two base hits—Gilliam [3], Snider [2], Cox. Three base hit—Martin. Home runs—McDougald, Snider. Left on bases—New York, 7; Brooklyn, 7. Struck out—Loes, 8 [Mantle, 2; Berra, Gorman, Collins, 2; Bollweg, Martin], Gorman, 1 [Cox], Sain, 1 [Furillo], Shallock, 1 [Hodges], Labine, 1 [Rizzuto]. Bases on balls—Loes, 2 [Woodling, McDougald], Ford, 1 [Campanella], Schallock, 1 [Campanella]. Hits—Ford, 3 in 1 inning; Gorman, 4 in 3; Sain, 3 in 2; Shallock, 2 in 2; Loes, 8 in 8; [pitched to 3 batsmen in 9th]; Labine, 1 in 1. Runs and earned runs—Ford [3-3; Gorman, 1-1; Sain, 2-2; Schallock, 1-1; Loes, 3-3; Labine, 0-0. Wild pitch—Ford. Winning pitcher—Loes. Losing pitcher—Ford. Time—2:16. Umpires—Art Gore [N. L.] plate; Bill Grieve [A. L.] first base; Bill Stewart [N. L.] second base; Ed Hurley [A. L.] third base; Frank Dascoli, [N. L.] left field; Hank Soar [A. L.] right field. Attendance—36.775.

DODGERS WIN 7 TO 3; CHECK RALLY IN 9TH

Yankees Lean to M'Donald Today

Series Facts

	W.	L.	Pct.
New York [A. L.]	2	2	.500
Brooklyn [N. L.]	2	2	.500

FOURTH GAME FIGURES

Attendance [Paid]	36,775
Receipts [Net]	$214,394.33
Players' pool	109,341.11
Commissioner's share	32,159.15
Clubs and leagues' shares	72,894.07

TOTAL FIGURES

Attendance [Paid]	208,205
Receipts [Net]	$1,192,826.67
Players' pool [first four games plus $83,000 for Pre-game Television shows	691,341.61
Commissioner's share	178,924.00
Clubs and Leagues' share	405,561.06

Site—Ebbet's field, Brooklyn.

Probable pitchers—Jim McDonald, New York; John Podres, Bob Milliken, or Russ Meyer, Brooklyn.

Starting time—1:05 p. m. Chicago time.

Radio broadcast—W-G-N, Chicago, 12:45 p. m.

Telecast—WGN-TV and WNBQ, Chicago, 12:45 p. m.

Probable attendance—36,000.

Odds—Brooklyn, 6½-7½.

Weather—Sunny and warm, temperatures in low 80's.

BY IRVING VAUGHAN

[Chicago Tribune Press Service]

Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 3—The Dodgers, always abandoned at the church steps in their desire to be wedded to a world baseball title, now seem to be in position to get the other party, in this case the awesome Yankees, into an acceptable mood.

At least, that became the feeling in Flatbush, where their Ebbets field is located, after the National leaguers, whipped in the last two games in the New York stadium, bounced up again today, winning 7 to 3 to even the series at two victories apiece.

It was done quite simply before 36,775 by battering Whitey [Lefty] Ford, Tom Gorman, John Sain, and a southpaw named Art Schallock whereas the Yanks, until the ninth when they filled the bases with none out were not much better than chumps in the right hand of Bill Loes. Rescuer Clem Labine took care of the situation.

Yanks Take Other Punches

The American leaguers, apparently, didn't recover after being put into a swoon by a three run first inning which ended Ford's tenure. But the Yanks were forced to absorb other punches here or there later, a development that made both managers start figuring on who they would use for pitchers in the important fifth game here tomorrow.

Charlie Dressen, boss of the National leaguers who are invariably brutal with their bats in their own compact premises, claimed he had no definite idea. He did admit that the selection would be from Bob Milliken, Russ Meyer, or John Podres, a lefty. Later he said he knew his pick but wanted to hold it off until tomorrow noon so that all three might have a restful night.

Casey Stengel, Yankee leader, a foxy old fellow didn't deny, after absorbing a second straight defeat, that he would start Jim McDonald. Dressen, however, suspects the announcement may be another Stengel ruse, hence his indecision. Dressen thinks the Yankee starter may be Allie Reynolds, who suffered a strained back in the opening game. Reynolds warmed up today when the Yanks threatened in the ninth so baseball experts figure that McDonald really will start and that Reynolds may be rushed in as a rescuer as soon as real trouble shows up.

Snider Drives In Four

The Dodgers today scored against all four of the Yankee pitchers, with a dozen hits, seven for extra bases. Three of the latter whistled off the bat of Duke Snider, one a homer. The Duke drove in four runs. There also were three doubles by Junior Gilliam but two weren't exactly robust. One started Ford on his one inning slide out of the picture, Hank Bauer messing up what should have been a garden variety of outfield catch.

For most of the afternoon the Yanks appeared to be still suffering from the effects of Carl Erskine's 14 strikeouts here yesterday. They didn't get a hit until the fourth. In the fifth they scored a pair on Gil McDougald's homer which left them in arrears, 4 to 2, doing nothing more of consequence until Loes was removed with the bases jammed in the ninth. By that time Loes had fanned eight, four of the eight divided between Mickey Mantle and Joe Collins.

Mantle Strikes Out Again

An alteration in Manager Stengel's batting order put Mantle in the leadoff spot today. When he stepped to the plate to open the game, a round of boos reminded him that he was a four time victim of Erskine yesterday. The kid fanned again, this time on three pitches, one of which he bunted foul. The remainder of the inning was easy for Loes. Collins flied deep to Jackie Robinson on a 2 to 0 pitch and Bauer lifted a lazy fly to Gil Hodges.

What Bauer did to bring on the National leaguers' three run first inning splurge was to overrun Junior. Gilliam's high fly close to the foul line. Bauer stepped over the line, which was a bit too far. The ball dropped fair by inches for a double, Gilliam going to third while Pee Wee Reese was rolling out to Collins. Robinson, after ignoring a wide pitch, slammed a clothes line single to center for the first run.

Snider Hits 2 Run Double

Hodges grounded to McDougald for a force of Robinson at second and Ford's first pitch to Roy Campanella was wild, Hodges moving up a peg. With first base vacant, the Yankees elected to provide the portly catcher a free ride as a gesture of respect for the homer with which he beat them yesterday. Snider did the rest. He hit one high against the right field screen for a two bagger, sending the two other runs across the plate. When Carl Furillo flied to Bauer it marked the end of Ford's act.

Loes started the second by fanning Yogi Berra on three pitches and the Yankees then experienced the pleasure of getting their first man to base. It was Gene Woodling, who walked on five pitches. He was forced by Billy Martin who, in turn, was forced by McDougald. There wasn't anything to the Dodgers' second half except, that with two out, Gilliam lifted a pitch by Gorman over short center. Phil Rizzuto drifted back for the capture, but it dropped for a double. It did no harm because McDougald tossed out Reese.

Yanks Produce First Hit

The third inning was merely a case of three batters to a side, but the world champions featured their portion of the fourth by producing their first hit. Berra slashed a single past Hodges after Collins had fanned and Bauer had flied to Furillo in the right center field corner, the inning ending with Gilliam throwing out Woodling.

The Dodgers' fourth inning uprising that trapped Gorman for a run got into a state of possible production when, with one out, Furillo turned a 3 and 2 pitch into a single to center. Billy Cox sent Woodling well back for prised his most ardent admirers by singling over first, Furillo galloping to third. Gorman's first three pitches to Gilliam were wide and when he came thru with the next, the Negro second sacker plastered it against the right field screen for his third double, Furillo scoring. Reese popped to Martin for the third out.

McDougald Hits Two Run Homer

The Yanks began to find their way out of the shutout class in the fifth when Martin led with a triple into the neighborhood of the 376 foot sign in right center. Two pitches later, McDougald paddled his homer into the lower left center field deck for the two runs. Rizzuto, on a 3-2 pitch, flied deep to Snider and Loes made short work of the remainder of the inning by fanning Pinch Batter Don Bollweg and Mantle, the latter for the second time. Against Sain in this inning, three Dodgers couldn't get the ball past an infielder.

After two were out in the sixth inning, Berra singled to right center for his second hit and the Yankees' fourth. This didn't develop into a threat because Gilliam, charging to his right, made a spectacular stop of a bullet-like grounder off Woodling's bat.

Snider Hits Fifth Series Homer

The first pitch in the Dodgers' sixth started them off on their two run sortie. That was the pitch Snider hoisted over the right field wall so far that Bauer never turned his head. It was his fifth series homer, setting a record for a National league player. After Furillo had been called out on strikes, Cox doubled along the third base line, going to third on Loes' second single. Then Gilliam, with the count 3-2, flied to Bauer to drive in his second run of the afternoon. The count also was 3-2 when Reese bounced to McDougald to end the inning.

All the Yankees could pick up in the seventh inning was a two out single by Rizzuto and there also were two out in the home half before the Dodgers cut loose with their one run maneuver against Schallock. Campanella walked and, in some way, paddled his way home on Snider's double which lined into the left field corner on the first pitch.

Typical Yank Uprising

In the eighth, Bauer singled, the fourth of the Yankee hits to come after two were out. Cox led in the Brooklyn half with a single, but his base line tour in this case ended at third.

The typical Yankee uprising in the ninth began with Woodling and Martin singled. McDougald walked, loading the bases, and Labine was quickly summoned. He fanned Rizzuto. When the always dangerous John Mize stepped forth to bat for Schallock there were groans from the Brooklyn addicts, but Mize flied to Snider. Woodling could have scored, but the Yanks preferred to keep the bases loaded.

World Series Composite Box Score

FOUR GAMES

NEW YORK YANKEES

	*G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	Bat Avg.	PO	A	E	Fld. Avg.
McDougald, 3b	4	15	1	2	0	0	1	3	1	1	.133	5	13	0	1.000
Collins, 1b	4	16	2	2	0	0	1	2	2	6	.125	38	1	0	1.000
Bauer, rf	4	17	3	5	0	1	0	1	0	3	.294	10	0	0	1.000
Berra, c	4	12	1	5	0	0	1	2	2	3	.417	20	3	0	1.000
Mantle, cf	4	15	2	3	0	0	1	3	2	7	.200	7	0	0	1.000
Woodling, lf	4	13	3	3	0	0	0	1	3	2	.231	6	0	0	1.000
Martin, 2b	4	14	4	8	0	2	1	4	1	1	.571	9	13	0	1.000
Rizzuto, ss	4	12	1	3	1	0	0	0	1	2	.250	5	11	0	1.000
Bollweg, P. H.	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	.000	0	0	0	.000
Reynolds, p	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	.000	0	0	0	.000
Sain, p	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	.500	0	0	0	.000
Noren, P. H.	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
Lopat, p	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	.000	0	2	0	1.000
Raschi, p	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1	0	1.000
Mize, P. H.	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0	.000
Ford, p	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
Gorman, p	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	1	0	0	1.000
Shallock, p	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000
	4	128	18	32	2	3	5	18	14	34	.250	102	45	0	1.000

BROOKLYN DODGERS

	*G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	Bat Avg.	PO	A	E	Fld. Avg.
Gilliam, 2b	4	19	2	6	3	0	1	3	0	1	.316	7	9	0	1.000
Reese, ss	4	15	0	3	0	1	0	0	4	1	.200	6	9	0	1.000
Snider, cf	4	17	2	6	3	0	1	4	1	2	.353	10	0	0	1.000
Robinson, lf	4	16	1	5	1	0	0	2	1	0	.313	5	0	0	1.000
Thompson, lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000
Campanella, c	4	14	4	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	.143	35	6	0	1.000
Hodges, 1b	4	14	3	6	0	0	1	1	3	2	.429	28	3	0	1.000
Furillo, rf	4	16	2	4	1	0	0	1	1	3	.250	8	0	2	.800
Cox, 3b	4	15	2	5	3	0	0	3	1	2	.333	0	5	0	1.000
Erskine, p	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.333	1	2	0	1.000
Belardi, P. H.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0	.000
Hughes, p	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0	1	.000
Shuba, P. H.	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	.000
Labine, p	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000
Wade, p	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
Roe, p	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	.000	1	1	0	1.000
Williams, P. H.	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	.000
Loes, p	1	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.667	0	0	0	.000
	4	140	17	42	11	1	5	17	13	16	.300	102	37	3	.979

YANKEES PITCHING SUMMARY

	G	CG	IP	H	R	BB	SO	HB	WP	W	L	Pct.	ER	ERA
Reynolds	1	0	5⅓	7	4	3	6	1	0	0	0	.000	4	7.20
Sain	2	0	5⅔	8	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	1.000	3	4.50
Lopat	1	1	9	9	2	4	3	0	0	1	0	1.000	2	2.00
Raschi	1	1	8	9	3	3	4	0	0	0	1	.000	3	3.38
Ford	1	0	1	3	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	.000	3	27.00
Gorman	1	0	3	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	.000	1	3.00
Shallock	1	0	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	.000	1	4.50
	2	34		42	17	13	16	1	1	2	2	.500	17	4.50

DODGERS PITCHING SUMMARY

	G	CG	IP	H	R	BB	SO	HB	WP	W	L	Pct.	ER	ERA
Erskine	2	1	10	8	6	6	15	2	1	1	0	1.000	6	5.40
Hughes	1	0	4	3	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	.000	1	2.25
Labine	2	0	2⅔	5	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	.000	1	3.00
Wade	1	0	1⅓	3	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	.000	3	27.00
Roe	1	1	8	5	4	4	4	1	0	0	1	.000	4	4.50
Loes	1	0	8	8	3	2	8	0	0	1	0	1.000	3	3.38
	2	34		32	18	14	34	3	1	2	2	.500	18	4.76

Brooklyn	3	0	0	3	2	6	2	1	0	—17
New York	5	0	0	0	4	0	2	6	1	—18

Stolen bases—Martin, Hodges. Sacrifices—Rizzuto, Raschi, Cox, Loes. Double plays—Martin to Rizzuto to Collins; Rizzuto to Martin to Collins. Left on bases—New York, 27; Brooklyn, 37. Hit by pitcher—Reynolds, [Campanella], Roe [McDougald], Erskine [Berra, 2]. Balk—Raschi.

*Legend: G—Games. AB—At bat. R—Runs. H—Hits. 2B—Two base hits. 3B—Three base hits. HR—Home runs. RBI—Runs batted in. BB—Bases on balls. SO—Strike outs. Avg.—Average. PO—Put outs. A—Assists. E—Errors. Pct.—Percentage. CG—Complete games. IP—Innings pitched. HB—Hit batsman. WP—Wild pitch. W—Games won. L—Games lost. ER—Earned runs. ERA—Earned run average.

Dodgers Slaughter Bucs, 14-2

PITTSBURGH, — (AP) — Gil Hodges, Carl Furillo and Billy Cox smashed home runs as the league leading Brooklyn Dodgers slaughtered the Pittsburgh Pirates, 14-2, Monday night.

The Dodgers tied a National League record of hitting at least one home run in 19 straight games. The victory moved the Dodgers two full games ahead of the idle Milwaukee Braves.

Hodges blasted his 15th homer of the campaign off starter Paul LaPalme with Jackie Robinson aboard in the fourth inning. Furillo smashed a bases-empty roundtripper—his 10th—in the sixth and Cox cracked a three-run homer in the eighth. The 19-game home run mark was established by the New York Giants in 1947. Cox's homer was his third.

Robinson returned to second base for the first time this season replacing rookie Junior Gilliam who was benched by Manager Charley Gressen for weak hitting. Gilliam took over for Robinson in the eighth.

Robinson injured his weak right knee in the fourth inning diving for a low liner by Preston Word. He fell hard to the ground and needed first aid, but remained in the game.

LaPalme's wildness gave the Dodgers two runs in the first inning. He walked two and gave up a double to Pee Wee Reese.

Cal Abrams hit the first pitch off Russ Meyer for his seventh homer in the first.

BROOKLYN	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Cox, 3b	3	3	2	1	1	0
Reese, ss	5	1	1	3	3	1
Snider, cf	4	1	1	2	0	0
Robinson, 2b	3	1	1	2	5	0
Gilliam, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Campanella, c	5	1	1	5	1	0
Hodges, lf	5	2	2	3	0	0
Furillo, rf	5	3	4	5	0	0
Belardi, 1b	5	1	2	5	1	0
Meyer, p	3	0	0	0	0	1
Hughes, p	2	1	1	1	0	0
Totals—	41	14	15	27	11	2

PITTSBURGH	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Abrams, rf	3	1	1	2	0	0
J. O'Brien, 2b	3	0	0	4	1	0
O'Connell, 3b	4	0	0	1	0	0
Rice, lf	4	1	2	2	0	0
Thomas, cf	4	0	2	3	0	0
Ward, 1b	4	0	1	2	1	0
Sandlock, c	4	0	2	7	0	1
E. O'Brien, ss	4	0	0	3	2	0
Lapalme, p	1	0	0	1	1	0
a-Smith	1	0	0	0	0	0
Face, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
b-Hermanski	1	0	0	0	0	0
Schultz, p	0	0	0	1	0	0
c-Atwell	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals—	34	2	8	27	5	1

a-Flied out for Lapalme in 5th.
b-Struck out for Face in 6th.
c-Grounded out for Schultz in 9th.

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RBI—Robinson 2, Abrams, Hodges 2, Furillo 2, Sandlock, Hughes, Cox 3, Belardi, Reese. 2B—Reese, Sandlock, Robinson. HR—Abrams, Hodges, Furillo, Cox. SB—Snider, Robinson. S — J. O'Brien. DP—Lapalme and J. O'Brien; Robinson and Reese; Cox, Robinson and Belardi. Left—Brooklyn 7, Pittsburgh 7. BB—Lapalme 3, Meyer 1, Schultz 4. SO—Lapalme 5, Meyer 2, Hughes 3. HO—Lapalme 6 in 5 innings; Face 1 in 1; Schultz 8 in 3; Meyer 8 in 5 1-3; Hughes 0 in 3 2-3. R and ER—Lapalme 6-6, Face 1-1, Meyer 2-2, Hughes 0-0, Schultz 7-7. WP—Lapalme 3. Winner—Meyer (7-3). Loser—Lapalme (3-9). U—Stewart, Pinelli, Boggess, Engeln. T—2:31. A—13,497.

Dodgers Hand Braves 7th Loss In Row, Take Over First In N. L.

Sweep of 3-Game Series Achieved Before 3d Straight Sellout Crowd

Milwaukee, June 28 (AP)—The Brooklyn Dodgers roared back into the National League lead after a 12-day absence today, routing Milwaukee 11-1 to sweep the three-game series and extending the Braves' losing streak to seven straight.

The Dodgers, clubbing five Milwaukee pitchers for 16 hits including five doubles, two triples and a home run, took a one-game lead over the sliding Braves. They had dropped off the top spot June 16.

Russ Meyer jammed a four-hitter down the Braves' throats, losing a shutout in the fifth when Joe Adcock lashed a home run over the leftfield fence. Starter Warren Spahn lasted less than three innings and was tagged with his third defeat against eight wins.

Reese Gets 3 Singles

Carl Furillo lashed three doubles and Pee Wee Reese a trio of singles to pace the Dodgers' attack, with Jackie Robinson driving in three runs on a double and triple and Gil Hodges a pair with his 13th homer, a 400-foot poke into the Brooklyn bullpen. The blast was Hodges' fourth in the last five games.

Brooklyn teed off on Spahn in the second, Hodges opening with a single and scoring on Furillo's first double, and chased the veteran lefthander in the third. Gilliam walked, went to second on Reese's sacrifice, and scored on Robinson's double. Roy Campanella singled home and Bob Buhl, replacing Spahn, was greeted with Hodges' homer.

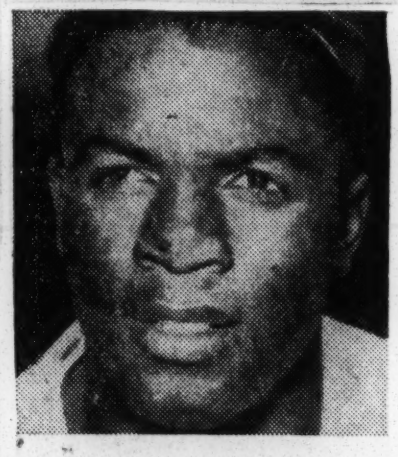
Game Is Sellout

Ernie Johnson, relieving Buhl in the fourth after his removal for a pinchhitter, was the lone Brave pitcher to get out of the game scoreless. Lew Burdette, who took over when Johnson left for a pinchhitter in the fifth, was tagged for two runs in the seventh on Gilliam's triple and Reese's second single, and another pair in the eighth on two singles, an infield out and Robinson's triple.

Hodges walked to open the ninth against Dave Cole, Furillo doubled him home and counted moments later on Duke Snider's two-baser.

The third successive sellout crowd, 34,375, brought the paid attendance for the series to 103,880.

The victory gave Brooklyn a 6-8 record for its second western road trip. Milwaukee won only four and lost seven, in addition to tying the New York Giants, on the current home stand and dropped to only one game ahead of the third place St. Louis Cardinals.



Jackie Robinson Drives In 3 Runs

Dodgers 11-1

Br'klyn	ab.	h.	po.	a.	Mil'kee	ab.	h.	po.	a.
Gilliam 2	5	2	1	5	Bruton m	4	1	1	0
Reese s	4	3	2	2	Crandall c	4	0	2	2
Robinson 1	5	2	3	1	Mathews 3	4	0	2	1
Cam'nella c	5	2	4	1	Gordon 1	3	1	4	0
Hodges 1b	3	2	9	1	Pafko r	3	0	2	0
Furillo r	5	3	3	0	Adcock 1b	3	1	15	1
Snider m	4	1	2	0	Dittmer 2	3	1	0	6
'Th'pson m	0	0	0	0	Logan s	3	0	1	4
Cox 3	5	1	2	1	Spahn p	0	0	0	1
Meyer p	5	0	1	1	Buhl p	0	0	0	0
					†Thorpe	1	0	0	0
					Johnson p	0	0	0	0
					‡Crowe	1	0	0	0
					Burdette p	0	0	0	1
					§Cooper	1	0	0	0
					Cole p	0	0	0	0
Totals	41	16	27	12	Totals	30	4	27	16

*Ran for Snider in 9th.
†Grounded out for Buhl in 3d.
‡Fanned for Johnson in 5th.
§Flied out for Burdette in 8th.

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RBI—Furillo 2, Robinson 3, Campanella 2, Hodges 2, Reese, Snider, Adcock. 2BH—Furillo 3, Robinson, Snider. 3BH—Gilliam, Robinson. HR—Hodges, Adcock. S—Snider, Reese. LOB—Brooklyn 8, Milwaukee 3. BB—Off Meyer 1, Spahn 1, Cole 1. SO—By Meyer 4, Spahn 1, Burdette 1. H—Off Spahn, 5 in 2⅓ innings; Buhl, 1 in ⅔; Johnson, 1 in 2; Burdette, 7 in 3; Cole, 2 in 1. HBP—By Burdette (Hodges). WP—Meyer (6-3). LP—Spahn (8-3). A—34,375.

Cards Trail Bums by 2 Tilts After Phils Beat Them 4-3 In 11

St. Louis, June 28 (AP)—Granny Hamner's double in the 11th inning started the Philadelphia Phillies on the way to the winning run today as they defeated the St. Louis Cardinals 4-3. Jim Konstanty, who rescued Karl Drews in the sixth inning, received credit for his eighth victory of the year.

Hamner, after leading off with his two-base blow, moved to third on an infield hit by Del Ennis and scored the winning run on a force out.

Reliefer Hal White, who came to the mound in the 6th inning for the Cardinals, had allowed only one hit before Hamner came to bat in the 11th.

Philadelphia had a 3-0 lead for Drews until Ray Jablonski smashed a three-run homer in the Cards' sixth. His 10th home run of the year came after singles by Stan Musial and Enos Slaughter.

The Phils counted once in the first on a triple by Ted Kazanski and a single by Richie Ashburn. Another run scored in the third when Ashburn beat out an infield hit and scored all the way from first on a single to center by Hamner.

The third Philadelphia run came without a hit in the fifth inning.

Phils 4-3

Phil'phia	ab.	h.	po.	a.	St. Louis	ab.	h.	po.	a.
Kazanski s	4	1	2	6	Repulski m	6	2	4	0
Ashburn m	5	2	2	0	Hemus s	4	1	4	5
Hamner 2	5	2	5	5	Schoen'st 2	5	2	1	1
Ennis l	5	1	1	0	Musial l	5	1	2	0
Clark r	5	1	4	0	Slaughter r	4	1	3	0
Waitkus 1b	5	0	15	1	Jabl'nski 3	5	2	2	2
Jones 3	4	0	0	1	Bilko 1b	5	3	11	3
Lopata c	4	1	4	0	Rice c	5	1	4	0
Drews p	2	0	0	0	Mizell p	1	0	1	0
Konst'nty p	1	0	0	2	*Sisler	1	0	0	0
					White p	2	0	1	2
					†Lowrey	1.	0	0	0
Totals	40	8	33	15	Totals	44	12	33	13

*Struck out for Mizell in 5th.
†Flied out for White in 11th.

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E—Bilko, Musial, White. RBI—Jablonski 3, Ashburn, Hamner, Clark. 2BH—Repulski, Bilko, Hamner. 3BH—Kazanski, Jablonski. SB—Repulski. S—Konstanty. DP—Waitkus (unassisted); Kazanski, Hamner and Waitkus; Bilko and Hemus. LOB—Philadelphia 5, St. Louis 11. BB—Off Drews 1, Konstanty 1, Mizell 1. SO—Drews 2, Konstanty 1, Mizell 2. H—Off Drews, 9 in 5 innings (faced 4 batters in 6th); Konstanty, 4 in 6; Mizell, 5 in 5; White, 3 in 6. HBP—By Drews (Hemus). WP—Konstanty (8-4). LP—White (1-2). A—17,710.

DODGERS VANQUISH CARDS BY 14-0, 7-4

Robinson 3-Run Homer Beats St. Louis After Cox Clouts Grand Slam in Opener

New York, N. Y.

By JOSEPH M. SHEEHAN

After routing the Cardinals 14—0, behind Johnny Podres in the most lopsided shutout of the major league campaign, the torrid Dodgers last night made it three in a row over the Redbirds by taking the second game of a twilight-night double-header by a 7-4 score. The twin bill attracted 29,793 paying spectators to Ebbets Field.

Jackie Robinson, who had connected for Brooklyn's first run in the second inning, won the finale for Carl Erskine by clouting a second homer, good for three runs, in the eighth inning after the Cardinals had come from four runs behind to tie the score. Junior Gilliam hit a two-run homer for the Brooks in the fifth.

In the twilight contest, the Dodgers supplemented the seven-hit pitching of Podres with a seven-run splurge in the first inning, a grand-slam homer by Billy Cox in the fourth and a two-run wallop by Gil Hodges in the fifth.

The double triumph enabled Charley Dressen's National League champions to gain ground on all their challengers. The first-place Brooks now lead the second-place Braves by three games.

Dodgers Gain Quick Lead

For a while it appeared that the second game would be almost as much of a breeze for the Dodgers as was the first. They piled up a 4-0 lead in the first five innings against Gerry Staley, right-handed ace of the Cardinal's staff, on the first Robinson and Gilliam homers and on a fourth-inning double by Duke Snider and a single by Hodges.

But Eddie Stanky's Redbirds began to catch up to Erskine in the sixth. They nicked him for a run on Stan Musial's double and a single by Ray Jablonski, picked up two more in the seventh on a homer by Solly Hemus and tied the count in the eighth on a nifty run-producing two-out bunt by Rip Repulski.

If he had been fielding more sharply, Erskine wouldn't have had such a struggle to gain his eighth victory. Carl set up the last three St. Louis runs with a wild throw to second on a double play ball and a muff of a hopper to the mound.

However, the rest of the Brooks, who have played brilliantly through this whole series, came galloping to the right-hander's rescue in the eighth. Against Hal White, Gilliam led off with a single, Pee Wee Reese sacrificed, Snider was intentionally passed and Robinson drilled a one-strike pitch into the left-field seats.

Icing on the Cake

For Podres to rack up his first major league complete game, as well as his first shutout, was icing on the Dodger cake. The way their hitters were blasting away, mediocre pitching would have been more than sufficient to carry the occasion.

The slugging Brooks battered four Cardinal hurlers for fourteen hits. They routed Vinegar Bend Mizell and Hal White in the first inning, knocked out Mike Clark in the second and carried on against Eddie Erautt, who staggered the rest of the way.

Thirteen Dodgers came to bat in the big first inning, with the Cardinals helping to put themselves out of the picture by booting a third-out play when the Dodgers had scored only three runs.

Seven walks, two hit batsmen, a wild pitch and a passed ball also figured in the continuing onslaught. One way or another, every Brook starter reached base and scored at least once.

Podres, whose won-lost record now stands at 5—2, struck out five and walked only two. In the sixth and ninth, the 20-year-old rookie southpaw was clipped for consecutive singles with none out but each time neatly worked his way out of trouble to preserve his shutout.

The box scores:

FIRST GAME

ST. LOUIS (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.
Hemus, ss	3	0	0	2	4
Castigl'ne, 2b	1	0	0	0	0
Schofield, ss	2	0	1	0	2
Sch'nd'nst, 2b	2	0	0	0	0
Musial, rf	2	0	0	1	0
Dunlap, rf	2	0	1	0	0
Jablonski, 3b	3	0	2	1	2
Lowrey, lf	4	0	1	4	0
Repulski, cf	4	0	1	3	0
Bilko, 1b	3	0	0	7	1
Sisler, 1b	1	0	0	2	0
Rice, c	1	0	0	3	0
Yvars, c	1	0	0	3	0
Mizell, p	0	0	0	0	0
White, p	0	0	0	0	0
Clark, p	0	0	0	0	0
Erautt, p	3	0	1	0	0
Total	32	0	7	24	9

BROOKLYN (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.
Gilliam, 2b	5	1	3	2	2
Reese, ss	4	1	1	1	1
Morgan, 3b	4	0	1	2	2
Robinson, lf	3	1	1	1	0
Antonello, lf	1	0	0	3	0
Campanella, c	5	2	2	5	0
Hodges, 1b	4	1	4	1	3
Belardi, 1b	0	0	0	2	0
Furillo, rf	5	1	2	5	0
Snider, cf	4	1	0	1	0
Cox, 3b, ss	4	2	2	1	1
Podres, p	5	1	1	1	1
Total	38	14	14	27	8

St. Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brooklyn	7	1	0	4	2	0	0	0	14

Error—Bilko.

Runs batted in—Robinson, Campanella, Furillo 2, Gilliam, Reese 2, Cox 4, Hodges 2.

Two-bases hits—Robinson, Furillo, Repulski. Home runs—Cox, Hodges. Double plays—Gilliam, Reese and Hodges; Bilko, Hemus and Bilko; Gilliam, Cox and Belardi. Left on bases—St. Louis 7, Brooklyn 9. Bases on balls—Off Mizell 2, White 2, Clark 1, Erautt 2, Podres 1. Struck out—By Clark 1, Erautt 3, Podres 5. Hits—Off Mizell 2 in 1-3 inning, White 2 in 1-3, Clark 2 in 2-3, Erautt 8 in 7 2-3. Runs and earned runs—Off Mizell 4 and 3, White 3 and 0, Erautt 6 and 6, Clark 1 and 1. Wild pitches—Mizell, Podres. Hit by pitcher—By Clark (Robinson), Erautt (Hodges). Passed ball—Rice. Winning pitcher—Podres (5—2). Losing pitcher—Mizell (8—4). Umpires—Jackowski, Ballanfant, Barlick and Gore. Time of game—2:44

SECOND GAME

ST. LOUIS (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.
Hemus, ss	5	1	2	2	3
Schoend'st, 2b	5	0	0	3	2
Musial, lf	3	1	1	5	0
Slaughter, rf	4	0	0	2	0
Jablonski, 3b	4	0	2	0	1
cCastigl'ne, 3b	0	1	0	0	0
Sisler, 1b	4	0	0	8	1
Repulski, cf	3	0	3	2	0
Rice, c	3	0	1	1	0
aSchofield	0	1	0	0	0
Yvars, c	1	0	0	1	0
Staley, p	2	0	0	0	0
bLowrey	1	0	0	0	0
White, p	0	0	0	0	2
dAnderson	1	0	0	0	0

BROOKLYN (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.
Gilliam, 2b	4	2	2	1	2
Reese, ss	3	0	0	2	2
Snider, cf	3	2	1	2	0
Robinson, lf	4	2	2	2	0
Hodges, 1b	4	0	1	8	0
Furillo, rf	3	0	0	3	0
Cox, 3b	3	0	1	2	2
Walker, c	2	0	0	4	0
eC'panella, c	1	0	0	2	0
Erskine, p	3	1	1	1	2
Total	30	7	8	27	8

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aRan for Rice in seventh.
bLined into double play for Staley in seventh.
cRan for Jablonski in eighth.
dStruck out for White in ninth.
eFlied out for Walker in seventh.

St. Louis	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0—4
Brooklyn	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	3	.—7

Errors—Walker, Hemus, Erskine 2.

Runs batted in—Robinson 4, Hodges, Gilliam 2, Hemus 2, Jablonski, Repulski.

Two-base hits—Snider, Musial. Three-base hit—Hemus. Home runs—Robinson 2, Gilliam, Hemus. Sacrifice—Reese. Double plays—Gilliam, Reese and Hodges; Schoendienst and Sisler; Cox and Gilliam. Left on bases—St. Louis 7, Brooklyn 2. Bases on balls—Off White 2, Erskine 2. Struck out—By Staley 1, White 1, Erskine 4. Hits—Off Staley 6 in 6 innings, White 2 in 2. Runs and earned runs—Off Staley 4 and 4, White 3 and 3, Erskine 4 and 1. Wild pitch—Erskine. Winning pitcher—Erskine (8—4). Losing pitcher—White (3—5). Umpires—Ballanfant, Barlick, Gore and Jackowski. Time of game—2:32. Attendance—29,793.

He Admits He's Good

Brooklyn's Dressen Often Misunderstood

By Roger Kahn

CHICAGO, Ill., July 29 (NYHT).—Last time the Dodgers were in this city, they were in trouble. The strings Charley Dressen pulls were threadbare, the pitching was bad, the hitting uncertain and nervousness was abroad on the club. It wasn't the grandiose three-dimensional fold past Dodger teams have perpetrated, but the season was young and the little fold was growing.

Chuck Dressen

The Cubs, usually heedless of slumps, were acting violent and the Dodgers trailed by a run in the seventh inning. Howie Pollet's aging curve ball was dancing spryly, but an error got the tying run on first base and enabled Dressen to reach for a string. He found it and inserted Jackie Robinson into the line-up as a pinch hitter. Robinson had cracked his knee against a wall a few days before but he limped into the batters' box ready, as usual, to do his best.

Dressen called Jackie aside, whispered a few words, play resumed, Robinson took two pitches and belted the third into leftfield for a double that scored the tying run and led to victory. Robinson hit off one leg, limped when he tried to run, but made second base and won the game, anyway.

"Wasn't that great?" someone enthused to Dressen later. "Wasn't the way Robinson gave it all he had just great?"

"Yup," Charley said. "I told him to wait for the slow curve in tight and boom."

THERE HAVE been dozens of similar incidents and people always seem to misinterpret the point. They insist on concluding that there is a love affair going on between Charley and Jackie.

ager? Hodges, Furillo, Snider, Robinson, Reese, Campanella—I could manage that club."

If the Brooklynite has been thinking aloud, it is sometimes suggested that Dodger pitching makes various visiting .250 hitters look like Hodges, Furillo and Snider in Ebbets Field.

"Last year," the Brooklynite answers, "all Dressen had to do was say Joe Black. This year it's other guys. I could manage that . . ."

Leave the Brooklynite before his thoughts run wild and check some cases. Last year when half the Dodger pitching staff was sitting with arms in slings, Black carried the load. But he was there to carry it because Dressen had ignored Joe's ordinary minor league record and a couple of bad spring efforts to make him a Dodger.

CHARLEY SAW something about Joe other guys might have missed. And this year, in the spring, he saw that Joe wasn't quite right. He nursed Johnny Podres along, brought up Bob Milliken to take up some slack, helped Clem Labine back into stride and worked overtime bringing Carl Eskine out of a slump. Black has not been pitching well but the Dodgers have not been badly hurt.

There isn't any question about the wisdom of Dressen's nonpitching moves this year. The temporary installation of Wayne Belardi into the lineup and the permanent installation of Junior Gilliam have made the Dodgers stronger than ever. Charley knows baseball, no question about that. He lives it. You'll have to make a career out of watching ball games if you want to see one where he misses a move.

Campy, Jackie, Junior

Carrying Red Hot Bats Into Do-or-Die Series

BROOKLYN—Which is the greatest team in baseball?

For years a myth of invincibility has surrounded the mighty Yankees, a team, on the basis of record, which has won more world championsips than any other ball club in diamond history.

Now, a brash bunch of slugging demons from Brooklyn, headed by Roy Campanella, Jackie Robinson and Junior Gilliam, are out to dispel the theory that the Yanks are unbeatable when the chips are down.

Campanella, Robinson and Gilliam were all in Brooklyn's lineup here Wednesday afternoon when the first game of the World Series get under way. Their performances for the next seven days could easily tell the tale of whether Bronx Bombers will capture their fifth consecutive series, or the Dodgers their first.

Throughout the past season, no three names stood out higher in the Dodger echelon than their three regular playing Negro stars. All three had outstanding seasons, and if their play during the series keeps par with a National League season that is now history, the Yanks will know they're up against the toughest team they've ever met.

Roy Campanela has just concluded the greatest season of any major league catcher in history. Campy not only finished the season over the .300 mark, he also hit more home runs and drove in more tallies in a single season than any catcher in history.

Campy thrilled Brooklyn partisans when he broke Gabby Hartnett's home run record of 37 for catchers, which had stood since 1930. He came back later to win an everlasting spot in the hearts of all lovers of the national pastime when he also snapped Bill Dickey's 1937 runs-batted-in record of 133.

Campy has been called the key man on the Brooklyn ball club by rival managers throughout the circuit. Leo Durocher of the Giants, Charlie Grimm of the Milwaukee Braves, Eddie Stanky, St. Louis Cardinals, all have agreed that Campanella, more than any other person, is the guiding genius behind the Bums.

But while Campanella has come in for an unprecedented number of bouquets this season, another Brooklyn ace, Jackie Robinson, has been in the background playing steadily and producing every time he's been called upon to do so.

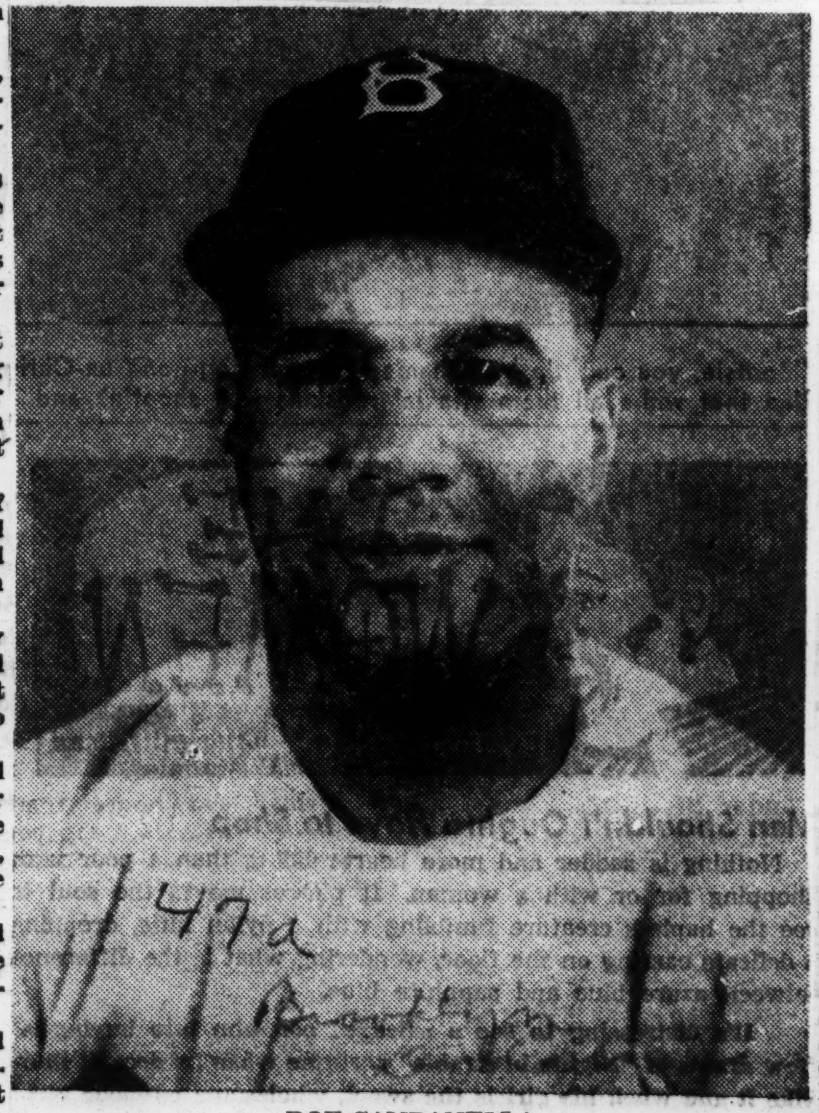
A man who started the season in a new position at third base; a man who, a few weeks later moved to left field, Robinson has proved under game conditions that he's the most versatile performer on the Dodgers' team.

During the course of the season, Jackie, in a superb display of team spirit, played every position in the Brooklyn infield, besides patrolling left field, as though he had been trained at those positions.

Through all of this switching Jackie kept his average up among the league leaders. In fact, it wasn't until the last week of the season that he was counted out of the race for batting honors in the National League.

Rounding out this group of stars is Gilliam, the young man who seems destined for future greatness. So far this has been Gilliam's jackpot season. It's not only his first year in the majors, it's his first World Series, and possibly his first world's championship.

Gilliam, fresh up from Montreal at the beginning of the season, was so adept at second base that he proceeded to move Robinson to another position.



ROY CAMPANELLA

. . . Brooklyn's mighty mitt man

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After suffering badly at the plate midway through the campaign, Gilliam was benched. But when he came back to action, his average soared, his fielding approached the sensational. As a result of a great first season, he stands a good chance of being acclaimed the National League's Rookie of the Year.

But when the last out of what is expected to be a jammed-packed series is made, the man who may have more to do with the outcome than any other, is a strong throwing pitcher who answers to the name of Joe Black.

Last season Black was the best pitcher on the Brooklyn staff. He hasn't had a good year this time around. All of which means absoutely nothing at World Series time.

Expected to win 20 games this season, Black failed to win ten. But if shrewd baseball observers are right, Black will be in there for Brooklyn before the end of the series. He's the guy who could really wrap it up.

Dodger Hurler Whiffs 14 For Series Record

Campanella's Homer Breaks 2-2 Tie And Wraps Up Verdict

BY BOB CONSIDINE
INS Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK — (INS) — Carl Erskine, stout-hearted Dodger righthander, carved himself a timeless niche in baseball history Friday at Ebbets Field with a 14-strikeout 3-2 victory over the New York Yankees.

A fearsome flop in the first game of the World Series when the Yanks annihilated him in the first inning, Erskine came back Friday to break Howard Ehmke's 24-year-old World Series record of 13 strikeouts.

A grateful Dodger team now back in the running in a series which started like a rout but now can be tied at two games apiece if they win today, battled Yankee righthander Vic Raschi with a 9-hit cannonade climaxed by Roy Campanella's game-winning home run.

CAMPANELLA BREAKS TIE

Campy's blow in the eighth inning broke a 2-2 tie and sent 35,270 spectators, most ever to see a World Series game in Brooklyn, into spasms of delight. But the mob saved its greatest roar for Erskine as he trotted off the field, surrounded by joyous Dodger teammates all seemingly bent on embracing him.

Erskine struck out Mickey Mantle — hero of Thursday's game — four times. He fanned Joe Collins — hero of Wednesday's game — four times. Other victims were Gil McDougald, Gene Woodling, Phil Rizzuto, Raschi, and pinch-hitter Don Bollweg.

But he saved his most dramatic victim for the last. One man was out in the ninth. In the alternate hush and holder of that most dramatic stage of the game, with Ehmke's record now tied and Johnny Mize at the plate, Erskine fired two savage strikes past the most menacing pinch-hitter in modern baseball.

MIZE STRIKES OUT

Then Mize fouled one off Erskine, a small man compared to the mountainous slugger confronting him at the plate, walked back to the mound caressed the resin bag briefly, took his classic windup and fanned Mize with a low curve ball that big Johnny missed by a foot.

The Dodgers still have a tough row ahead. They face the brilliant young Yankee southpaw Whitey Ford (18-6) today, while Billy Loes (14-8) hurls for the National Leaguers.

The Yanks were first to score, and in a way quite galling to all but a lion-hearted pitcher. The irrepressible Billy Martin, who plays every base. And Gil McDougald came through the box. Junior Gilliam Dodger second baseman, nearly turned the drive into a force-out, but couldn't hold the ball, and both runners were safe.

Raschi contributed to his own cause at the stage with a perfect sacrifice that moved the men up a base. And Gil McDougald came through with his first hit of the series, a scorcher that Billy Cox stopped at third but could not handle in time to catch Rizzuto at the plate or McDougald at first.

Then Phil Rizzuto pushed a hit

ERSKINE HALTS RALLY

Erskine broke the back of the curious un-Yankee-like rally by striking out Collins for the third time and forcing Hank Bauer to roll to Gilliam. And the Dodgers tied the score at 1-1 as soon as they got to bat in their half of the fifth.

With one away, Jackie Robinson roared out of his soggy slump with a double off the wire in right. Oddly rattled by Robinson's feints at stealing third, Raschi committed a balk — a rare miscue for a man of his experience, and Robinson was invited to advance to third.

ROBINSON SCORES

Billy Cox dumped a fine bunt on the grass to Raschi's left, and Robinson scored easily on the squeeze — while the ugly old ballyard shook with the clatter of Brooklyn fans. Martin tried hopefully for Robinson at the plate, but the great Negro athlete scored standing up, and Cox was safe at first.

Erskine made it appear that the Dodgers were due for more than one run, by singling into left after that. But Raschi bore down and got Gilliam and Reese on infield dribblers.

Robinson also provided the chief wallop in the sixth inning surge during which the Dodgers took a 2-1 lead. Duke Snider lined a single into center at the start, and the customers howled happily when Raschi then walked Gil Hodges. That brought up the Dodgers' stylishly stout and mournful Campanella, who was not sure he should play yesterday — because of a swollen hand — and by that time in the game was surer he should not have.

He had struck out and weakly forced a runner in two previous appearances. Now he had a chance to make amends. But Chuck Dressen, in an eccentric move, called for him to bunt. Campy did — straight up.

Raschi caught the little pop, and then struck out Furillo, to take tremendous pressure off himself. But Robinson slashed a fierce single to left, scoring Snider with the run that put the Dodgers out in front, 2-1.

But the Yanks tied it, nonetheless, in the eighth. Erskine struck out Collins for the fourth time to start the inning, but Hank Bauer nicked him for a single to center, and he hit Yogi Berra in the hip for the second time during the game. In this predicament, Erskine fanned Mickey Mantle for the fourth time with a zipping curve that made the Yankee wonder boy look like a wonder-where-it-is boy.

YANKS KNOT SCORE, 2-2

The Brooklyn righthander seemed out of trouble, but Woodling flung him right back in with a solid knock to center that scored Bauer and knotted it at 2-2.

Few world series games have ended as dramatically as this one. There were a few groans of despair when Campanella waddled to the plate with one out in the eighth, not to mention criticism of Dressen for keeping the wounded Buffalo in there.

But Campy hit Vic's first pitch into the lower left field stands, and it proved to be the tidy edge Erskine needed.

It was all Erskine's show at the very end. Casey Stengel sent three straight pinch-hitters against him, all lefthanded.

Carl struck out big, rangy Don Bollweg, batting for Rizzuto, on three pitches. Mize followed and it was a breathtaking spectacle to behold: Great pitcher vs. Great hitter, at the point of no return.

You could see Mize's neck redden as he took Erskine's second seething strike. And you could hear the old gentleman's bones creak when he missed that third one.

Irv Noren, the third straight pinch hitter, coaxed a walk out of Erskine, and up came one of the day's two ultimates in batting futility — Collins. This time Joe didn't strike out. He rolled weakly to Erskine, and when Carl threw him out the throats of Brooklyn fans gave forth a roar that said, in thunderous code, "we ain't dead yet."

DODGERS SET PACE WITH 116 HOMERS

Brooklyn Tops Both Leagues —Indians Lead American With 88 Circuit Blows

The power-laden Dodgers, aiming to lead the National League in home runs for the fifth straight season, are making rapid progress in that direction.

The Dodgers top the majors in home runs with 116, and, with about three-fifths of the season gone, they have a good chance of breaking their own club record of 194, set in 1950. However, they figure to fall short of the major league mark of 221 established by the Giants in 1947.

Brooklyn has been on a home-run rampage with 53 four-baggers in its last 33 games. The Dodgers recently have hit home runs in 24 consecutive games, shattering the National League record of 19.

Redlegs in Second Place

The Redlegs, runners-up to Brooklyn in the National League home-run standings with 112, have been doing some record smashing of their own this season. Their previous team high had been 110, a mark they bettered last Sunday. Figures compiled by The Associated Press include Monday's games.

The Giants, who dominated the league in home runs from 1945 to 1948, are third with 101, followed by the Braves with 91.

The Indians are setting the home-run pace in the American League with 88. The Indians have led the league for the last three seasons, tying the Yankees in 1951.

The Yanks, who hold the American League team record of 182, trail Cleveland with 78. They set the mark in 1936 and proceeded to top the American League for twelve years in a row before their streak was snapped by the Indians in 1948.

The Browns are third with 70 and the Red Sox rank fourth with 66.

There have been 705 home runs hit in the National League and if the batters continue at their present rate they can exceed the mark of 1,100, made in 1950. The American League has produced 515 homers and its record of 973 also was established in 1950.

THE LEADERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE	G.	HR.
Brooklyn	89	116
Cincinnati	90	112
New York	85	101
Milwaukee	88	91
Chicago	86	83
St. Louis	90	79
Philadelphia	87	71
Pittsburgh	95	52
Total		705

AMERICAN LEAGUE	G.	HR.
Cleveland	88	88
New York	88	78
St. Louis	92	70
Boston	91	66
Philadelphia	91	65
Detroit	91	56
Chicago	91	47
Washington	90	45
Total		515

Campanella Starts Fireworks As Dodgers White-wash Braves 7-0

NEW YORK, July 25 — (INS) — Four-hit shutout pitching by Russ Meyer brought the Dodgers a 7 to 0 victory over Milwaukee Saturday and restored Brooklyn's National League lead over the

Rosen And Easter Hammer Out Homers As Indians Triumph

Braves to five and a half games.

Tag Campanella Starts

Roy Campanella featured the attack that made Jim Wilson the losing pitcher when he hit his 26th home run with a man aboard in the second inning.

REDS EDGE GIANTS, 7-5

NEW YORK — (INS) — Redleg homers and Giant errors spelled out a 7 to 5 victory for Cincinnati over New York Saturday.

The Giants homered, too, getting four of their five runs on circuit smacks by Monte Irvin, Alvin Dark, and Bobby Hofman. But two Giant errors preceding a homer by Willard Marshall in the fourth enabled the Reds to tie the score at 3-3. Ted Kluszewski singled home the marker that put Cincinnati in front to stay in the fifth, and Jim Greengrass sewed it up with a three-run homer in the seventh.

Fred Baczewski went the distance for the win, while Red Worthington was the loser.

INDIANS SINK SENATORS 6-4

CLEVELAND — (INS) — Third baseman Al Rosen's 26th home run of the year with a man on base in the tenth inning Saturday gave the Cleveland Indians a 6 to 4 victory over the Washington Senators before 9,560 fans at Municipal stadium.

Bob Lemon, one of the Tribe's "Big Three", went the route for Cleveland to chalk up his 14th victory of the season against eight losses. Johnny Schmitz, a former National League hurler pitched all the way for Washington, giving up eight hits and suffering his fifth defeat against two victories.

Washington scored a run in the second but the Indians tied it up in the third when Rookie Al Smith hit his first major league homer.

The Senators added a pair of runs in the fifth but the Tribe came back to take a 4 to 3 lead in the seventh, one of the runs coming on Luke Easter's fourth homer of the year.

Pete Runnels, Washington shortstop, deadlocked the game in the ninth when he smacked his second homer of the season.

ATHLETICS BEAT WHITE SOX, 7-2

CHICAGO — (INS) — The Philadelphia Athletics made it two in a row over the Chicago White Sox Saturday with a 7 to 2 victory before 9,568 fans at Comiskey Park.

Alex Kellner pitched all the way for the Athletics to chalk up his eighth victory of the season against eight losses. Mike Fornieles started out for the White Sox and lasted eight innings. Louis Aloma relieved him in the ninth. The loss was the fourth for Fornieles against seven wins.

The White Sox took a 1 to 0 lead in the first inning but the A's tied it up in the third. The score stood until the eighth inning when Gus Zernial put the Athletics in front by blasting his 22nd homer of the season. Philadelphia then loaded the bases and righthander Dave Philley cleaned them off with a triple.

Second baseman Cass Michaels made it 7 to 2 in the ninth when he slammed his 12th homer of the year with one man on base.

RED SOX NIP BROWNS 7 TO 6

ST. LOUIS — (INS) — The Boston Red Sox scored two runs in the ninth inning Saturday to beat St. Louis, 7 to 6, before 1,857 fans at Busch Stadium.

The victory was the ninth for the Red Sox in their last 10 games, and the loss for the Browns was their sixth straight.

Tom Umphlett doubled home Sam White, who had singled, with the tying run. Jim Piersall sacrificed Umphlett to third and Johnny Lipon, hitless in his last 24 times at bat, dumped a perfect bunt that went for a hit and scored Umphlett.

The Bosox had rallied for three runs in the sixth to tie the game a 5-5, but Dick Kokos hit a home run for St. Louis in the bottom of that inning to give the Brownies the edge.

Sam White homered for Boston in the second.

Ellis Kiher, the second of four Boston pitchers, was credited with the win and Satchel Paige, who relieved starter Harry Brecheen in the eighth, was charged with the loss.

CUBS WHIP PIRATES 5-4

PITTSBURGH — (INS) — Dee Fondy hit three singles and a home run Saturday and the round-tripper, coming in the ninth inning brought the Chicago Cubs a 5 to 4 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Turk Lown, who relieved for Chicago in the seventh when Cal Abrams homered for Pittsburgh, got credit for the victory, his fourth. For Pittsburgh, Johnny Lindell took the loss, his 11th.

YANKEES OUTSLUG TIGERS 15 TO 11

DETROIT — (INS) — The New York Yankees pushed across four runs in the 12th inning Saturday to defeat the Detroit Tigers, 15 to 11, in a wild slugfest before 16,436 fans at Briggs Stadium.

The victory increased the Yanks' lead to 5 1-2 games over the Chicago White Sox, who lost to Philadelphia 7 to 2.

Allie Reynolds, 34-year-old ace of the Yankee staff, came into the game in the ninth inning and received credit for his 10th victory of the season against five defeats.

Ray Herbert, who relieved Ned Garver in the 10th inning, was charged with his fifth loss against two victories.

The Tigers, in quest of their sixth straight victory and second in a row over the Bronx Bombers, shelled starter Vic Raschi off the mound in the first inning with a seven-run outburst.

The Tigers scored three more runs in the third inning and went into the fourth inning with a 10 to 1 bulge. Bengal starter Ralph Branca, who was the victim of Bobby Thompson's dramatic home run in the 1951 National League playoffs, was touched for single runs in the fourth and fifth innings.

Then in the sixth inning, the Yanks scored four runs to knock Branca off the mound. The big blow of the inning was a three-run homer by Johnny Mize.

The Yanks kept Whittling down the Tiger lead, scoring once in the eighth and three runs in the ninth on a pinch homer by Andy Carey to take an 11 to 10 lead.

Detroit bounced back to score one run in its half and the game was deadlocked until the 12th. The two clubs made a total of 42 hits, 22 by New York and 20 by Detroit.

Campanella, Hodges Are Top 1-2 Punch

NEW YORK, July 24 (AP).—The Brooklyn Dodgers possess the majors' most dangerous one-two punch in Gil Hodges and Roy Campanella.

Many baseball observers consider a player's value to his team by the number of runs he drives in. On that basis, the Dodgers' slugging pair rate the No. 1 spot. They have whacked 169 runs over the plate—the top mark in the major. Hodges leads with 85 and Camp has one l[illegible]

Cincinnati and the New York Giants boast the next best one-two punch. The Redlegs' Gus Bell and Ted Kluszewski have 143 runs batted in, and the Giants' Monte Irvin and Bobby Thomson have 139.

The Cleveland Indians have the top American League pair in Al Rosen and Larry Doby with a combined total of 138 RBI's. Rosen is the junior circuit's individual leader with 81. Mickey Mantle and Yogi Berra of the Yankees make up the next best pair with 12[illegible]

The Brooklyn right-handed distance swingers are one of the prime reasons the Dodgers are leading the National League by five and a half games. While staging a merry duel for the RBI lead, Hodges and Campanella are making it easy for a comparatively weak Brooklyn pitching staff.

After the Giants' combine of Irvin and Thomson in the National League come the Milwaukee Braves' Ed Mathews and Sid Gordon with 132. The Philadelphia Phils' Del Ennis and Granny Hamner are next with 127. Ray Jablonski and Stan Musial of the St. Louis Cardinals have 123, followed by the Chicago Cubs' Ralph Kiner and Dee Fondy with 119.

Other leading RBI combinations in the American League are the Washington Senators' Mickey Vernon and Clyde Vollmer with 120. The Chicago White Sox parlay of Minnie Minoso and Sam Mele or Jim Rivera and the Detroit Tigers' Walt Dropo and Ray Boone are tied with 116.

Dodgers Hammer Cubs, 15 to 4; Hodges' Four Blows Lead Assault

First Baseman Collects Homer, Triple, 2 Singles

By Roger Kahn

Neither snow, nor rain, nor sleet caused postponement of the Chicago Cubs' game with the Dodgers yesterday and as a result there was only gloom in Manager Phil Cavaretta. Because of the miserable break in the weather, the Cubs had to work. The Dodgers played.

They slugged six Chicago hurlers for eighteen hits, including four homers, bunched their safeties and slaughtered the Cubs, 15-to-4.

Twice during early innings light showers fell to tantalize Cavaretta. A large menacing cloud was observed back of left-field. But the wind refused to shift and Cavaretta was left to struggle with his thoughts and his pitchers.

The pitchers, in order, were Warren Hacker, Con Simpson, Dutch Leonard, Jim Willis, Howie Pollet and Johnny Klippstein. If the series of names throws you, don't worry. Off yesterday's Ebbets Field display, none is a name worth remembering.

Twenty-First for Hodges

Gil Hodges may remember, though. He lined his twenty-first homer, two singles and a triple in five trips. Duke Snider cracked his seventeenth homer and a single and PeeWee Reese drilled his ninth four-bagger.

Manager Chuck Dressen inserted Bobby Morgan into the Brooklyn line-up to rest Reese. Morgan got to bat once and slugged a homer. He sent Carl Furillo into rightfield in the eighth for defensive reasons. Unruffled by his Monday night beaning, Furillo doubled off Pollet in his one turn at bat.

Glenn Mickens, the rookie up from Ft. Worth, should have benefited from his mates' violence but the righthander did not have enough to make it past the fourth inning. Ben Wade relieved, worked five scoreless frames and won.

It would be pointless and cruel to detail all that the 6,348 customers saw. It is kinder to pick only a few sample innings.

The Dodgers scored one in the first when Snider homered over the scoreboard, three in the second when Hodges drilled his solo shot and three in the third. Hacker, Willis and Simpson shared the blame for that. Willis started a four-run seventh inning, Pollet finished it; Pollet started a four-run eighth inning and Klippstein finished it. The Cubs had better get a new formula.

Robinson Steals Second, Third

The third inning was probably the most interesting because the Dodgers scored without benefit of homers. With one out Jackie Robinson walked. On the second pitch to Hodges, he stole second and on the third pitch he stole third, each time getting a huge jump on Simpson. Hodges then singled Jackie home, the second of Gil's four runs batted in. Roy Campanella singled Hodges to second, Simpson wild pitched, Leonard relieved and Cox singled home two runs.

The eighth was interesting, too, if only because it marked Furillo's return and the way in which Pollet, a once-great pitcher, was battered. Jim Gilliam singled, Morgan homered into the lower deck in left, Snider walked, Furillo doubled to left center, Hodges fanned and Campanella doubled.

From time to time some one around the Dodger camp checks the hitters' muscles and asks: "What will happen when everyone hits together?"

The question has been answered.

Associated Press

Jackie Robinson making successful steal of third in third inning as Randy Jackson awaits throw from catcher Joe Garagiola. Robinson stole three bases yesterday.

Because Rube Walker suffered a fractured metacarpal bone in his left hand sliding Sunday, the Dodgers recalled Dick Teed, a switch-hitting catcher, from Mobile where he had been batting .258. Teed will report in time for tonight's twi-nite double-header. . . . Walker did not realize he had broken a bone until a dull ache and swelling appeared after the game. X-rays yesterday morning revealed the fracture and Walker will be out for about ten days.

Ten Dodgers struck out, which shows that charity still lives in Brooklyn. . . . Furillo chatted about beanings before the game and spoke with authority because he has been hit six times. He took this one in stride. . . . Billy Loes pitched batting practice and Furillo remarked of him: "I saw what you did when you were pitching to me. You threw them outside, and you took a little off them." Pollet must have done the same thing. . . . Loes said his sore arm felt "Okay."

Umpire Larry Goetz, suffering from bursitis, worked at first base instead of behind the plate as he was scheduled to do. He left the game in the eighth inning, which was a pretty good idea.

Dodgers' Score

CHICAGO (N)	ab	r	h	po	a
Baumhltz rf	3	1	1	2	0
Metkovch rf	0	0	0	0	0
Miksis ss	4	1	2	3	2
Fondy 1b	4	0	1	4	1
Kiner lf	4	0	0	2	0
Jackson 3b	4	1	1	0	0
Serena 2b	4	0	1	1	2
Garagiola c	3	0	1	7	2
Sawatski c	1	0	0	3	0
Jeffcoat cf	4	0	0	1	0
Hacker p	0	0	0	0	0
aSmalley	1	1	1	0	0
Simpson p	0	0	0	0	0
Leonard p	1	0	0	1	1
bCavarretta	1	0	0	0	0
Willis p	0	0	0	0	0
Pollet p	0	0	0	0	0
Klippstein p	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	4	8	24	8

BROOKLYN (N)	ab	r	h	po	a
Gilliam 2b	5	1	2	3	3
Reese ss	4	1	1	2	3
Morgan 3b	1	1	1	1	0
Snider cf	4	3	2	0	0
Robinson lf	3	2	1	4	0
Furillo rf	1	1	1	1	0
Hodges 1b	5	3	4	9	0
Campania c	5	1	2	6	0
Cox 3b-ss	5	1	3	0	3
Wlams rf-lf	4	1	1	1	0
Mickens p	2	0	0	0	1
Wade p	2	0	0	0	1
Totals	41	15	18	27	11

aDoubled for Hacker in third.
bStruck out for Leonard in seventh.

Chicago	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0—4
Brooklyn	1	3	3	0	0	0	4	4	x—15

E—Miksis. RBI—Snider, Hodges 4, Gilliam, Miksis, Fondy 2, Cox 3, Serena, Reese, Morgan 2, Furillo, Campanella. 2B—Smalley, Garagiola, Furillo, Campanella. 3B—Fondy, Jackson, Hodges. HR—Snider, Hodges, Reese, Morgan. SB—Robinson 3, Snider. DP—Gilliam, Reese and Hodges. Left—Chicago 4, Brooklyn 5. BB—Simpson 1 Pollet 1, Mickens 1. SO—Hacker 3, Simpson 1, Leonard 3, Pollet 1, Mickens 1, Wade 5, Klippstein 2. HO—Hacker 5 in 2, Simpson 2 in 1⅓, Leonard 2 in 3⅔, Willis 5 in 3⅓, Pollett 4 in 1, Klippstein 0 in 2⅓, Mickens 6 in 4, Wade 2 in 5. R and ER—Hacker 4-4, Simpson 3-3, Leonard 0-0, Willis 4-4, Pollet 4-4, Klippstein 0-0, Mickens 4-4, Wade 0|0. HBP—By Willis (Williams). WP—Hacker, Simpson. W—Wade (5-4). L—Hacker (5-14). U—Dascoll, Goetz, Secory, Roberts. T—2:22. A—6,348.

Newcombe Gets $500 of Series Money

Brooklyn, N. Y. — CNS) — After passing out the record full cuts of $6,178.42 to each of its players, the Dodgers remembered big Don Newcombe, who will be joining them in the Spring on completing his stint with the Army. Newcombe received a check for $500 of the Dodgers' series dough.

Mustachioed Roy Campanella smiles as he learns his 32d birthday present is the National League's Most Valuable Player Award. He points to photo of presentation of same award for 1951. In photo with clean-shaven Roy are Warren Giles (left), National League president, and Charley Dressen. (AP Wirephoto)

Campanella 'Most Valuable' In NL for 2d Time in 3 Years

By JACK HAND

NEW YORK, Nov. 19 (AP). — Roy Campanella, Brooklyn's chunky, veteran catcher, today was voted "most valuable player" in the National League for the second time in three years.

When reporters finally tracked down Campanella—who celebrated his 32d birthday today — at his Harlem liquor store, he grinned and said, "It makes a man feel pretty good. I can't ask for too much more in life, I guess."

The vote by a 24-man committee of the Baseball Writers Association of America, three from each league city, was decisive. Campanella drew 17 firsts and piled up 297 points, highest point total since Stan Musial, St. Louis, won with 303 in 1948.

Campanella became the fourth man to be named the NL's most valuable more than once. He had won in 1951. Musial is the only three-time winner (1943, 1946 and 1948). Carl Hubbell won in 1933 and 1936 and Rogers Hornsby in 1925 and 1929.

Eddie Matthews, homerun-hitting third baseman of the Milwaukee Braves, finished second, 81 points back at 216. The point score is figured on the basis of 14 for first place, nine for second and so on down to one for 10th.

Duke Snider, Brooklyn's slugging center fielder, nosed out St. Louis' Red Schoendienst for third place, 157-155. Warren Spahn, Milwaukee lefthanded pitcher, was fifth with 120 points and Robin Roberts, the Phillies' righthanded ace, followed with 106 points.

Mathews received three first-place votes, Schoendienst two, Snider and Roberts one each.

Brooklyn, as expected, dominated the voting, placing seven men among the first 14. The only Dodger regulars who didn't receive votes were Billy Cox and Junior Gilliam. Milwaukee and Philadelphia each had four men, St. Louis and New York three each, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh two each. Chicago did not place a man on the list.

Only 25 players were mentioned in the voting in sharp contrast to the 1952 total of 40 players. Hank Sauer, Chicago, last year's winner, didn't receive a single vote. Nor did Joe Black, Brooklyn; Hoyt Wilhelm, New York, or Enos Slaughter, St. Louis, all of whom were in the top 10 last year.

The 1952 voting was a close fit among Sauer, Roberts and Black. Campanella was 10th with 25 points and Mathews 21st with only 13.

Campanella enjoyed a sensational early season. He had driven in 53 runs and hit 17 home runs by May 30. At the All-Star break in early July, he had knocked in 73 and hit 22 homers. He finished with .312, leading the league with 142 runs batted in. He hit 25 doubles, three triples and 41 homers in 144 games. The runs-batted-in and homers were league records for catchers.

"I felt this was my best season," he said. "It was the first time I've been able to play all the way through with no serious injury. I feel just as good as when I came up. I get a kick out of playing. I hope I can keep on catching as long as I live."

ENNIS PLACES 13TH

Home at St. Albans, N. Y., his wife and six children awaited Roy's return for a family birthday celebration.

"I'll be here in the store every day until time to go to spring training," he said. "Don Newcombe, Larry Doby, Joe Black and I expect to go to Hot Springs about Feb. 1 to start working out."

The rest of the field was pretty well strung out behind the first six, each of whom received 100 or more points.

Ted Kluszewski, Cincinnati first baseman, was seventh with 69 points and Musial drew only 62 points for eighth place. Two Dodgers tied for ninth, pitcher Carl Erskine and right fielder Carl Furillo, league batting champ. Then came Pee Wee Reese and Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn; Del Ennis, Philadelphia, and Gil Hodges, Brooklyn, in that order.

JOINS SELECT GROUP:

Roy Campanella named MVP by heavy majority

NEW YORK — Brooklyn Dodger catcher, Roy Campanella, on Thursday, was named the "most valuable player" in the National League, in the annual balloting of the Baseball Writers Association of America.

Campy, who licked injuries, bean balls and other hazards, thus was honored for the second time in three years, he having won the award in 1951.

The slugger, who was celebrating his 32nd birthday on the day of the honor, received 297 points out of a possible 336 in the annual voting by a special committee of 24 members of the Baseball Writers of America —three from each league city.

Gets 17 Firsts

Campanella received 17 first place votes five seconds one third and one fifth to outdistance Milwaukee's home - run king, Ed Mathews by a comfortable margin. Mathews finished second with 216 points, receiving three first place votes, 14 for second, two for third, two for fourth and three for fifth.

Campanella, who had a lunch engagement, kept dozens of photographers and newsmen waiting at his Harlem liquor store on Lenox avenue and they overwhelmed him with the good news.

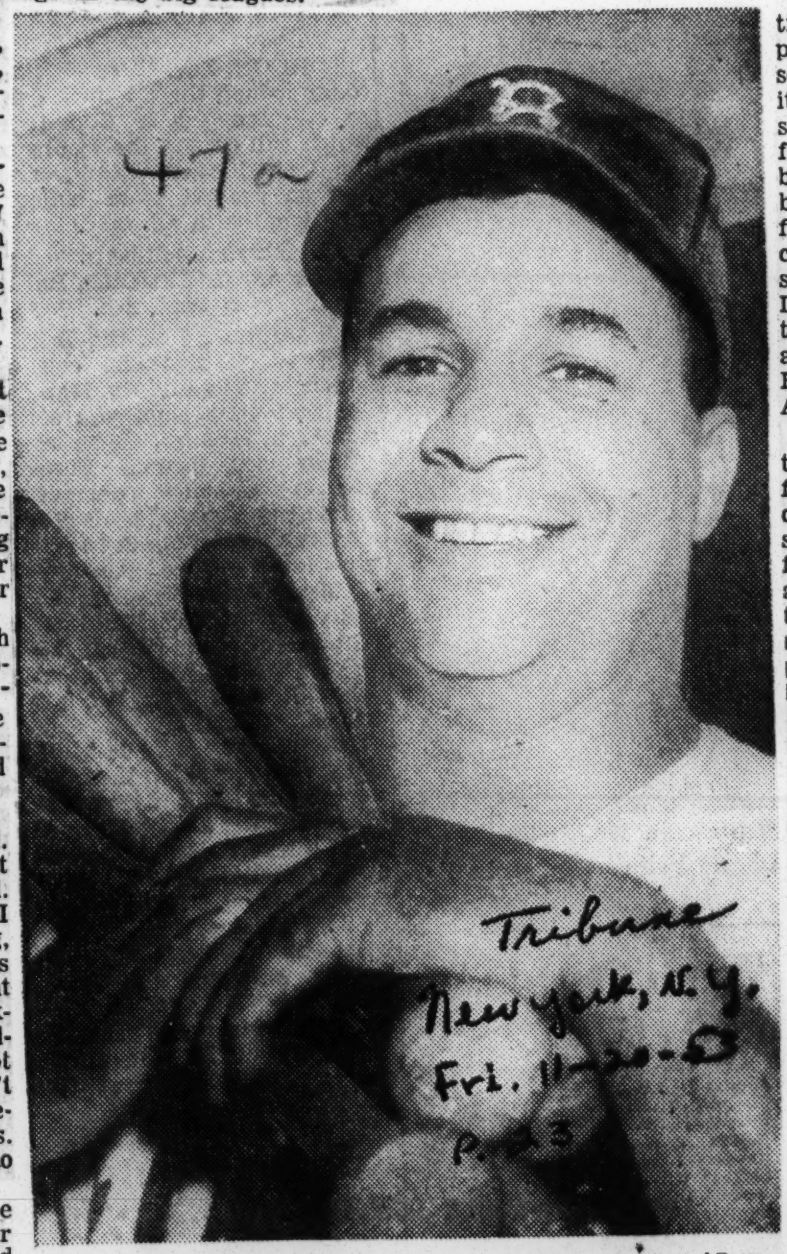
His "Greatest Birthday"

"Gee, that's great," he said. "This is gonna be the greatest birthday celebration I ever had. Sure, I'm only 32. You know I started in baseball pretty young, played regularly before I was 15 in the colored leagues. But don't forget that the whole Brooklyn team deserves as much credit as I do. I wouldn't have got all those hits if there hadn't been those other guys in the lineup to help soften up the pitchers.

"Anyway, I'm mighty proud to win this honor again."

Campanella, who became the fourth National League player in history to win the award more than once, joined Stan Musial of the Cardinals, Carl Hubbell of the Giants and Rogers Hornsby of the Cardinals in that select group. Musial has won the award three times.

Campy, despite being injured several times and being a frequent target of bean balls, played in 144 games, batting a lusty .312 for the highest average of his career. He hit 41 homers, the most by a catcher in major league history, and drove in 142 runs, also an all - time high in the big leagues.



Herald Tribune—United Press

Roy Campanella, Dodger catcher, who yesterday was named the National League's most valuable player for the second time.

Campanella Voted M.V.P. For 2d Time in 3 Years

Dodger Gets 297 Points to Mathews' 216

By Harold Rosenthal

Roy Campanella won the National League's most valuable player award yesterday for the second time in three years, won it with the largest point total since 1948, and set the keynote for an unparalleled dominance by a single team in the annual balloting. Behind the sturdy figure of Brooklyn's all-star catcher, one of the best backstops the game has seen, the Dodgers filled five or more of the top dozen positions in the annual poll conducted by the Baseball Writers Association of America.

Campanella's being tapped for the league's highest honor came, fittingly enough, after what he described as his best season in seventeen years of playing professional baseball. It came, too, as a birthday present. "I'm thirty-two," corrected Campanella while posing yesterday for pictures in his liquor store in Harlem after some one had asked how it felt to be thirty-three. "Get it right."

In contrast to last year's tight finish, when Hank Sauer, Robin Roberts and Joe Black finished one-two-three with only eighteen points separating first from third, this year's balloting was a breeze for Campanella. He collared seventeen of the twenty-four possible first-place votes. Five ballots had him second, one third, and one fifth. It all added up to 297 points, a fat eighty-one more than Milwaukee's Ed Mathews.

Mathews, the Braves home run king of the major leagues, accounted for three first places and 216 points. Duke Snider, Dodge centerfielder, placed third with 157 points (one first place); Al (Red) Schoendienst, Cardinals' second baseman, wound up fourth with 155 (two first places) and Warren Spahn, Milwaukee lefthander, took fifth with 120 points (one first place).

Behind them, and rounding out the top ten were Roberts, the Phillies' iron-man hurler, sixth; Ted Kluszewski, Redlegs' first baseman, seventh; Stan Musial, of the Cards, a previous threetime winner, eighth; Carl Erskine, Dodger mound ace, ninth and Carl Furillo, Dodger rightfielder, tenht.

Voting Much Tighter

Furillo, who finished the season nursing a broken metacarpal bone in his left hand and the league's batting championship, was accorded a position a notch higher than the Dodgers' shortstop and team captain, PeeWee Reese, Jacike Robinson, the only other Dodger to win M. V. P. honors since the war, placed twelfth.

Of 1952's leaders, only Roberts got a call. Neither Black or Sauer showed up on any of the twenty-four ballots with even a tenth-place vote.

The voting was much tighter than in previous years. Only twenty-five names figured, in comparison to the usual thirty-five to forty.

Every club in the League except Chicago had a man mentioned. The Giants' first finisher was Monte Irvin whose eleven votes brought him a fifteenth-place.

Campanella was apprized of the big news in a manner decidedly different from 1951, when he heard it from a newspaper man calling from New York while on a barnstorming tour. Roy completed a thirty-three-game junket last week, and he's back home now supervising his liquor store and his six children.

Heard From Wife

"My wife called me with the news," he explained. "How do I feel? You can't ask for too much more in life."

Campanella said that he considered 1953 his best year in baseball because there were never any of those nagging injuries which had hampered him in the past, particularly 1951, his other M. V. P. year. "I can't remember but a time or two when I was out of a game. Only time I was hurt was when that Buhl hit me on the hand in Milwaukee the day we clinched the pennant and there was a time when I hurt the instep of my right foot."

Campanella looked trim, said he was around 210, his regular playing weight, and that he wasn't worried about his weight from now until he took off for spring training. "I'll keep my weight down all right working around here," he smiled, glancing at the loaded shelves.

Although Campanella has hit higher in the majors than his .312 (he batted .325 in his 1951 season) he set all kinds of Brooklyn and catcher's records in 1953 at the plate. He bashed forty-one homers, drove in 142 runs, caught the entire all-star game for the fourth successive year.

Even more outstanding was Campanella's unabated enthusiasm for playing, despite the fact that he's been doing it virtually around the calendar all over the Western hemisphere for more than half his life.

"I still bet up in the morning anxious to play," he said yesterday. "I hope to be able to play as long as I live."

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ROY CAMPANELLA

Campanella and Son Stage Rival Shows to Entertain Dodgers

Brooklyn Catcher Enthralls Camp Entourage With His Repertoire of Tall Tales

Roy jr.'s Antics Take Play Away From Dad, Give Clew as to Who Is Boss

By Roger Kahn

VERO BEACH, Fla., Feb. 21.—Under a red riding cap and behind a promising young mustache, Roy (Slats) Campanella began spring training at the Dodgers' base this week by holding court, telling tales talking baseball and analyzing life.

Ever hear about fish who outthink the wiliest fishermen?

How $5,000 worth of electric trains can help a man shed twenty pounds?

How three Dodgers almost went to England in a rowboat?

How the 1953 pennant race is going to end?

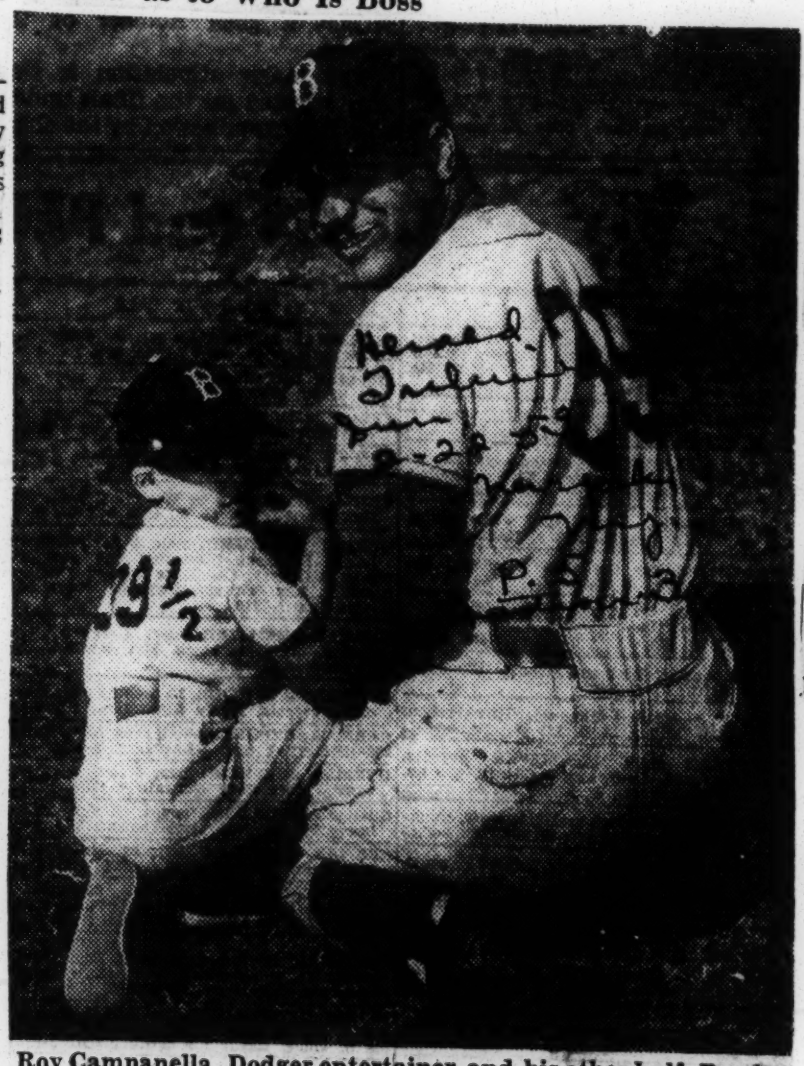
You haven't, eh? Well, check a few items in the file of Roy, the raconteur.

Fish Are Too Smart

Item: "We went fishing down here last year, me and some of the boys and we started using shrimp for bait. We'd put the hook in one end of the shrimp, but them fish were smart. They'd take a bite out of the other end and leave us with the hook. So I got smart. I put one hook in the front of the shrimp and one hook in the back. You know what them fish did? They took their bites out of the middle. They left me holding two hooks."

Item: (Campanella reported to camp twenty pounds lighter than last year—ed.) "Oh I went to Hot Springs to sweat off some weight but I was light when I got there. Know how I lost all that weight? I'd get back from my liquor store and start playing with my electric trains. Just messing around. I got around $5,000 worth of stuff. When I played with the trains I wouldn't think about eating So I ate less. Kept my mind busy and I lost weight High-protein diet? Naaah!"

Item: "Went fishin' last year with Furillo and Hodges in a little boat with an outboard motor. The kind you start by pullin' with a string. We get way off shore and when we finish fishin' Hodges is gonna start the motor. He pulls the string too hard, the motor don't start and the string falls in the water. It was night, man, and we were lost. I had one of them powerful flashlights and the other guys start rowing while I start trying to find the land. But there was a fog. They're paddlin' and I'm looking and I don't see nothing. We coulda gone 'round the world in that rowboat. But I'm a pretty good navigator. We made it okay."



Roy Campanella, Dodger entertainer, and his other half, Roy jr.

Winning Pennant Is Cinch

Item: . . . "so we win the pennant by a couple of games. It's easy, ain't it. You can win it, I can win it, anybody can win it, sitting right here. All winter I was winning pennants at home. But look—knowing what to do, and doing it, is two different things. When you're out there, it's real rough. If all the guys hit like they should? They always say that. But all the guys never hit like they should. That's why it's rough. But we're gonna do it." . . .

These bits were just a few of the dozens Campanella scattered to an attentive audience the night he arrived in camp. The crowd who listened included every one from Chuck Dressen on down, with one notable exception. Roy jr., a four-year-old of independent ways, did not sit tight and listen to his father. Wearing Dodger uniform No. 39½, carrying a toy tomahawk, he wandered away and started a rival floor show.

He imitated a flute, a clarinet, a piano and a horn. He sang "Lady of Spain" in a ringing soprano. He told his own version of Red Riding Hood, playing all the parts as he went along.

Then he wandered over to a pool table where a lady who had spent a proper childhood was trying to learn the game. "I'll learn pool," the lady exclaimed after blowing a shot, "I'll learn it by the time the Dodgers beat the Yankees in the series."

Junior Makes Correction

Roy jr. leaned against a leg of the table. "My dear lady," he piped grimly. "By the time the Dodgers beat the Yankees in the series you won't be around."

Informed of the remark later, Campanella promised to have a talk with his son. He left for his house, framing a lecture on his mind, for immediate delivery.

About twenty minutes later Campanella returned rather sheepishly, took a small object from a table and started edging for the door.

"Where ya going?" he was asked.

"My boy forgot his tomahawk," he said, waving it aloft. "He made me go back and get it for him."

When Roy Campanella tries to hold court with Roy Campanella jr., it's pretty clear who ends up playing king.

BROOK HOMER WINS

Dodgers Topple Phils on Campanella 2-Run Hit Off Roberts in 9th

By JOSEPH M. SHEEHAN

With two out in the ninth inning, Jackie Robinson on base as the result of a walk and the Dodgers trailing by one run yesterday afternoon, Roy Campanella lashed into a 2-0 pitch by Robin Roberts and sent it screaming on a line into the lower center-field stand at Ebbets Field.

This mighty clout by their roly-poly catcher not only gave the Brooks a 7-6 victory over their chief pitching nemesis, but moved them past the Phillies into first place in the National League.

The teams were to meet again at Ebbets Field last night, with Joe Black, making his first 1953 start, scheduled to oppose Curt Simmons, Philadelphia's southpaw ace. The night game served as a make-up for the rained-out contest Friday night.

The matinee clash, witnessed by 19,257 paying spectators and 5,000 Knothole Gang guests, was a thriller from the start.

Brooks Get 11 Hits

Usually all but helpless against Roberts, who had beaten them seven straight times and had lost only once previously at Ebbets Field, the Dodgers hammered the Philadelphia right-hander for eleven hits, including a seventh-inning homer by Robinson and doubles by George Shuba, Duke Snider and Rube Walker, in addition to Campanella's decisive blow.

However, Preacher Roe and Carl Erskine successively failed to hold the Phillies in check and, until Campy came through, it seemed certain that the Dodgers were doomed to an eighth straight setback by baseball's biggest winner of 1952.

Ironically, faulty control led to the downfall of Roberts, whose greatest forte usually is the ability to place the ball exactly where he wants. Robin, who issued only forty-five passes in 330 innings while winning twenty-eight games last year, was missing the corners all day and walked four (one intentionally).

His unwonted wildness caught up to him in the ninth. Peewee Reese worked a pass to start that frame and, after Snider hit into a double play, Roberts put himself back in a hole by throwing four straight wide pitches to Robinson.

Roberts' Second Defeat

Angry at himself when he also missed the mark with his first two deliveries to Campanella, Robin made his next pitch too good and that was the ball game. The defeat was Roberts' second. He has won four games.

The homer was the seventh for Brooklyn's slugging receiver, who leads both leagues in four-baggers and also in runs batted in. The two tallies that came across on Roy's winning blast raised his total to 30.

Philadelphia drew first blood in ths see-saw contest, scoring in its first turn on doubles by Connie Ryan and Earl Torgeson.

Brooklyn evened the count in

moved for a pinch-hitter. It was the second relief victory of the season for the right-hander.

the Brooks had been taking with Roberts seemed all in vain when the Phillies ganged up on Erskine for two runs in the eighth.

Successive singles by Torgeson, Hammer and Jones and a double by Smoky Burgess marked this rally, which was helped along by Gilliam's muff of a pick-off throw from rskine. Jim Hughes finally put out the fire.

But the beneficiary of Campanella's big hit was Ben Wade, who checked the Phillies in the ninth after Hughes had been re-

second on Shuba's tremendous double, which hit high on the center-field screen, Roe's sacrifice and a single by Junior Gilliam, which Ryan stopped but couldn't hold.

A walk to Ryan, the first of three singles by Richie Ashburn and a fly to right by Mel Clark put the Phillies back in front, 2—1, in the third.

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The Dodgers then moved ahead

CHANGE OF PACE

Campanella Eyes Big Year

By BILL NUNN JR.

For the sake of formality most baseball men call Roy Campanella, chubby catcher with the Brooklyn Dodgers, one of the two best catchers in all baseball. Inference being, of course, that Yogi Berra, of the World Champion New York Yankees is the other. In reality the only comparison that can be made between the two is in hitting . . . where Berra must be conceded a slight edge.

Bill Nunn Jr.

After that, all resemblance ends. For when it comes to squatting behind the plate, the rock-legged Campanella has no peers. It's still a matter of conjecture, in fact, as to whether he'll go into the books as one of the greatest mitmen the game has ever produced. Certainly, anyone who places Camp at the top of their all-time list of catchers couldn't be far off base.

To best see the respect that this jolly Philadelphia-born athlete commands from the rest of his teammates you'd have to visit the Dodgers in training. It wouldn't matter if it was at Vero Beach, Miami or Orlando, where I saw them, the result would be the same. The pitchers are eager for his advice, the infielders respect his judgement and his ability to keep a runner close to the bag, and the outfielders love to make the long throw to him.

To Camp this isn't unusual. For, after all, he came up in the old school of baseball. The school of hard knocks. And he'll tell you on a moment's notice that where he learned his baseball the catcher was the focal point of any successful team.

"When I played with the Baltimore Elite Giants," Camp relates, "one of our keenest rivals was the Homestead Grays. I've always said that the key to their success was their catcher, Josh Gibson. Not because he was one of the strongest hitters I've ever seen either. But, if you ever got a chance to watch the Grays, it wasn't hard seeing that Josh just about ran the team when they were on defense. I've always said that his catching ability was underrated because carried so much power in his bat.

"It's always been my contention that a team with a weak catching staff won't go far. Look at the Yankees. They've lost some top stars down through the years, but they've always managed to carry a top-notch catching staff. The results are in the records."

Camp, who reported to the Dodgers' Vero Beach training camp weighing 200 pounds, says he expects to have one of his best seasons this year. "I know I'm in good shape," Camp said. "I made up my mind before I left home that I was going to keep my weight down. Now, all I have to worry about is that it doesn't get too low. If I get below 195 pounds I think I'll lose some of my effectiveness. Particularly when those hot summer days arrive. I'd like to stay around the 200 mark most of the way."

Unlike so many people who favor the Dodgers in the coming pennant race, Campanella isn't worried about the Bums' mound staff. "I don't feel our pitching staff is as weak as most people claim. Take the World Series last year. I don't know what more those guys could have done. Certainly you couldn't blame our mound staff for us dropping the series," he explained.

"We have a couple of good looking new kids in camp. Put them in with guys like Roe, Meyers, Erskine and Black and you won't have to worry about pitching. In fact, I think we're going to surprise a lot of people before the season's over. And, because of what I expect from our pitchers I have to pick us to win again in our league and then go all the way when we get to the series.

SPORT SHORTS . . . When they buried Charley Williams, popular West Coast boxing trainer recently, Henry Armstrong, former holder of three world boxing titles, preached the sermon and ex-featherweight champion Chalky Wright, read the obituary . . . The play of Vic Power is expected to improve at Kansas City this year now that George Selkirk has been replaced as manager by Harry Craft. Reportedly, there was no love lost between Power and his former boss . . . The Chicago Bears say they will have the greatest Negro lineman in football with them in 1953. They aren't telling his name yet . . . Sandy Amoros, with St. Paul and Brooklyn last year, is expected to wind up with Montreal this season . . . Charles Neal, youthful second baseman with St. Paul, will probably be returned to Elmira for more experience. He hit .240 last season . . . Clarence Moore and Jonathan Parris, also working out with St. Paul may be shipped out, too. Moore played for Lancaster last season and hit .288, while Parris batted .280 at Pueblo. Both are infielders.

Stop Roy Campanella Drive Underway In National Loo

BY PAT ROBINSON — INS Sports Writer

NEW YORK — (INS) — Around the National League you hear it said that if you can stop Roy Campanella you can stop the Dodgers.

This is a tremendous tribute to the power that lies in the bat of the bulky Dodger catcher and experience has taught rival clubs that he is the man most to be feared.

Campy, as he is affectionately known called on the wrong side of the Brooklyn Bridge, is a streak hitter, and when he is hot, as the has been lately, he is even more dangerous than Stan Musial.

He has been crowding .400 since the season started and has averaged almost two runs a gate batted in.

How much his great big bat means to the Dodgers was shown in the recent three game series with the Phillies when he plastered the Phils' three ace pitchers for four homers and assorted singles and doubles.

Robin Roberts had the Dodgers beaten by a run going into the ninth. He had a man on base, two outs and two strikes on Campy. Thus he needed only one more strike to win. But he never got it. Campy hit the next pitch for a homer winning the game.

Some said Campy was slipping last year because he hit only .269, with 22 homers and "only" 97 runs batted in.

But what they failed to realize was that Campy was playing with two bad hands all year and in such pain that he carried a rubber sponge in his hand while at bat.

This year his hands are sound and Manager Charley Dressen believes he may break Hack Wilson's record of 190 runs batted in.

There is a new system of judging a pitcher's value by the number of bases he allows. We don't think much of it because some pitchers don't care how many hits are made just so no runs are scored. For instance, the immortal Christy Mathewson would have been a bum under this system because he took it easy especially when working with a good lead.

The old system of rating the pitchers on victories and earned runs is still the best. But we think that the current system of judging a hitter's value could be improved.

Let's say that a hitter walks and goes to third on the next batter's single. The next hitter is out on a fly or an infield grounder but this batter, although he has weakened the attack by being put out gest credit for a run batted in. The attack by being put out gets man who drove the run scorer from first to third with a clean single gets no credit whatever except in his batting average.

We think it would be much fairer and we would get a clearer picture of a hitter's value if a point system were used.

Campanella Sets Record

CINCINNATI, Aug. 8 (AP).—Brooklyn's Roy Campanella unleashed a three-run homer in the first inning of tonight's game against Cincinnati to set a new National League record for runs batted in by catchers.

Camp's drive gave him 101 RBIs thus far this season and he now ranks as the only catcher in league history ever to drive in more than 100 runs in two different seasons.

He drove in 108 in 1951.

With Campanella providing the spark, the Dodgers scored four quick runs in the first inning and led Cincinnati, 4-2, after four innings.

Preacher Roe was pitching for Brooklyn and Fred Baczewski, despite giving up those four runs, was still in the game for Cincy. The game was halted briefly in the second inning by rain.

Gus Bell and Ted Kluszewski hit homers off Ree in the four for the Redlegs.

CAMPANELLA TEAM WINS

Defeats Lopat's Squad, 4-3, in Tenth Inning at Honolulu

HONOLULU, Oct. 20 (UP)—Roy Campanella's All-Stars beat Eddie Lopat's barnstorming major league baseball players last night, 4—3, on a tenth inning single with the bases loaded by Bob Boyd of the White Sox. Joe Black pitched the distance for the winners, allowing seven hits.

Robin Roberts, who yielded eight hits in nine innings, gave way to Mike Garcia in the tenth. Garcia allowed three hits, getting two outs before he lost the game.

Eddie Mathews of Milwaukee got one of the home run, in the field stands with one on, for the Lopats. The Lopats beat the Campanella's, 7—1, Sunday.

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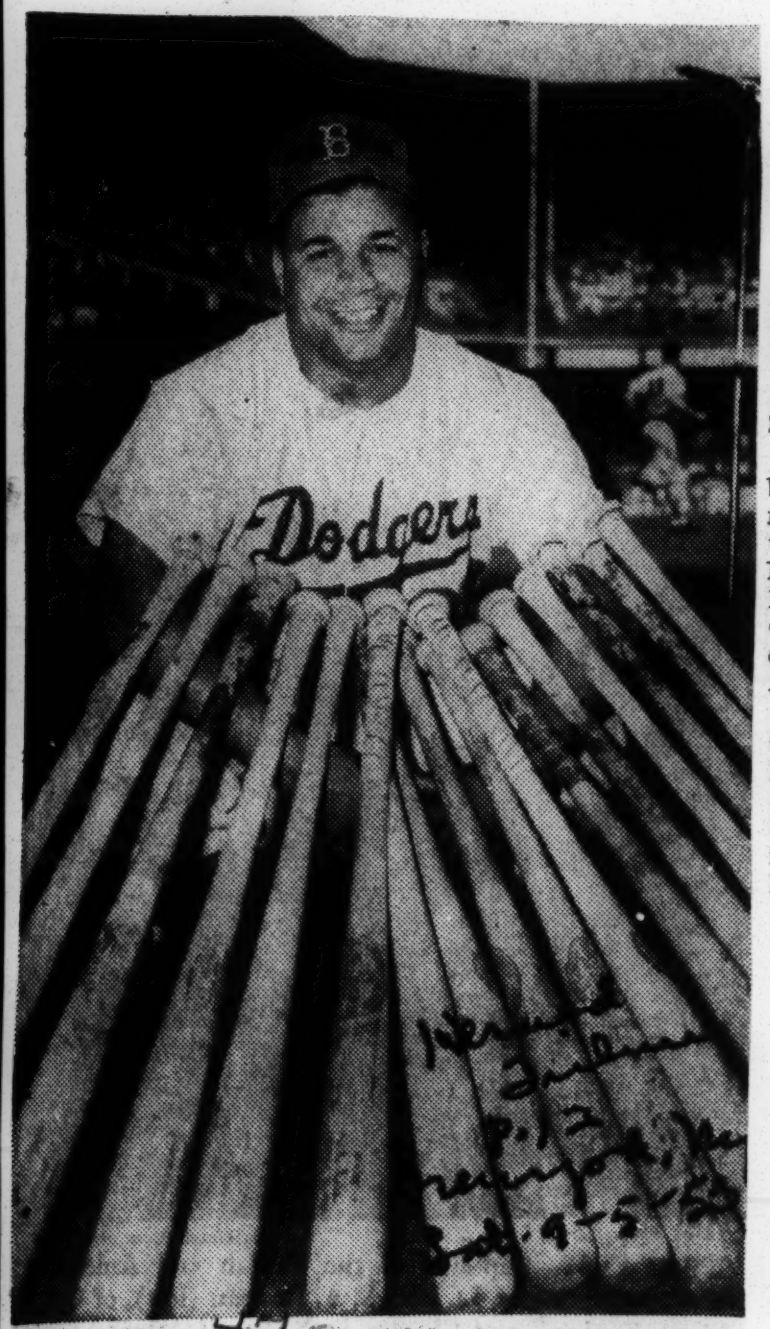
ROY CAMPANELLA

Wins News Award

Campanella Named Best Player In The National



Herald Tribune—United Press

Roy Campanella, Dodger catcher, with some of the bats he's used to drive in 125 runs this year, only nine shy of Bill Dickey's major league mark for a catcher.

NEGROES IN MAJORS IN '53

As the 1953 major league baseball season closed Sunday afternoon, catcher Roy Campanella of the Brooklyn Dodgers rated as the No. 1 player in the National league and Orestes Minoso of the Chicago White Sox emerged as one of the leading players in the American league.

Campy was voted the player of the year award of the Sporting News, the baseball bible, for the second time in his career as he broke nearly every hitting record in the books for catchers. He led league in runs batted in with 142, a new major league mark for catchers, smashed out 41 homers, also record, and batted .312. On defense he had fewer than 20 bases stolen on him and set a new record for catchers in putouts.

WON IN 1951

Campanella is considered a cinch to be voted the National league's most valuable player. Campy won the MVP honors and Sporting News award in 1951 when he batted .325 and drove in 108 runs.

His feats climaxed a season in which 23 Negro players appeared in the line-ups of eight clubs. For the first time, the Chicago Cubs and the Philadelphia Athletics added colored players to their squads during the final month of the season.

For the Clubs, the newcomers were both shortstops, Ernie Banks of the Kansas City Monarchs of the Negro American league and Gene Baker of the Cubs' farm team, the Los Angeles Angels of the Pacific Coast league. Banks played shortstop and Baker, second base, for the Cubs. Both fielded well, and Banks proved to be a sharp clutch hitter.

The Athletics brought up pitcher Bob Trice from their Ottawa farm club in the International league. There Trice was the loop's only 20-game winner. With the A's he had a 2-1 record, closing his season with an 11 to 2 victory over the Wasington Senators, Saturday night.

In the National league other outstanding performers besides Campanella included his teammates, Junior Gilliam and Jackie Robinson, Monte Irvin and rookie Ruben Gomez of the New York Giants and Bill Bruton of the Milwaukee Braves.

THREE TOP ROOKIES

Bruton, Gomez and Gilliam are up for rookie of the year honors with Gilliam most likely to succeed. Gilliam took over second base from Robinson and led the league in triples with 17. He was third in stolen bases with 21 and fourth in runs scored with 125. Bruton led the league in stolen bases with 25 and was second in triples with 13. Gomez was the top pitcher of the Giants with a 13-11 record.

Irvin is likely to be the comeback of the year. A late-season injury ruined his chances to cop the league batting championship, but he ended the season with a .329 average.

Jackie had another good year. He played every position in the infield at least one game, and he played most frequently in left field. Near the close of the season Jackie played his original position, shortstop, after he had asked manager Chuck Dressen to put him there. He fielded flawlessly.

MINNY BATS .313

Over in the American league, Minoso was the prime figure which saw the underrated White Sox remain in the pennant race until the final month of the season. He batted .313, third in the league, drove in 104 runs, sixth best, and scored 104 runs, fourth best. The Sporting News rated him the third best player in the league.

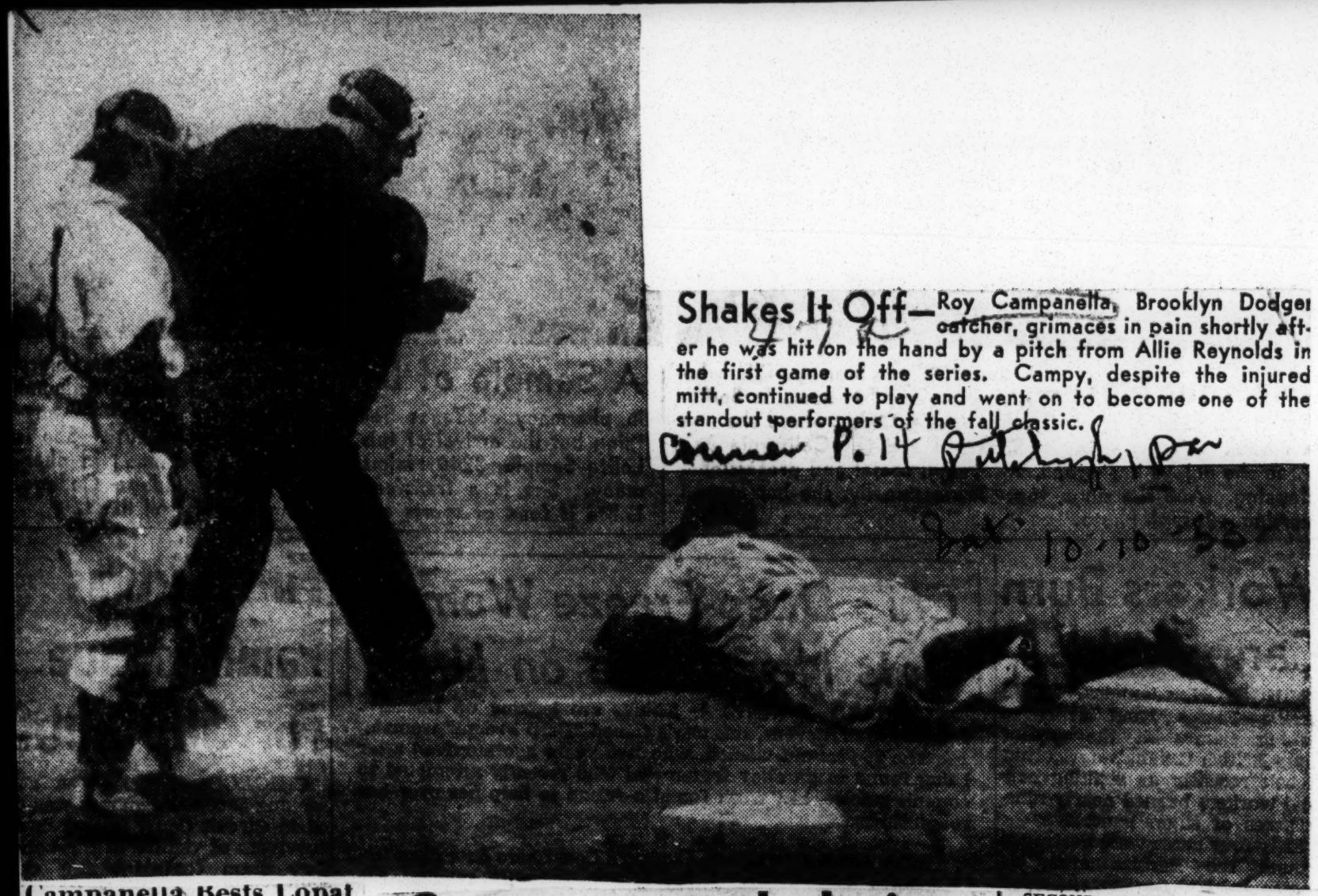
Pleasant surprises to the White Sox were first baseman Bob Boys brought up from the minors in August.

Among the disappointments of the year were Larry Doby and Luke Easter of the Cleveland Inboth men, giving them sad seasons. Nevertheless, Doby finished third in home runs in the league with 29 and seventh in runs batted in with 103.

And back to Minoso—he led the league in stolen bases with 25.

For the Indians, rookie Dave Hoskins after a slow start proved to be an effective hurler, both in relief and in starting roles. He finished with a 9-3 record.

Once more the most colorful figure in baseball was the great Leroy (Satchel) Paige of the St. Louis Browns. He suffered his worst season with only three victories against nine defeats, but his club finished in last place. Paige realized an ambition of his when he pitched for the American league in the major league All-Star game



Shakes It Off—Roy Campanella, Brooklyn Dodger catcher, grimaces in pain shortly after he was hit on the hand by a pitch from Allie Reynolds in the first game of the series. Campy, despite the injured mitt, continued to play and went on to become one of the standout performers of the fall classic.

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Campanella Bests Lopat In Battle Of Stars, 7-1

HONOLULU, Oct. 21 (AP)—The Lopat All-Stars lost last night to Campanella's Negro All-Stars, 7-1. Campanella's team won two of the three games played in Honolulu.

Lopat's All-Stars are leaving for Tokyo, where they are due at noon Thursday, Japanese time, to begin a barnstorming tour. Campanella's team is returning by plane tonight to San Francisco.

Campy overwhelming All-Star selection

NEW YORK—Brooklyn Dodger catcher Roy Campanella overwhelmed the opposition, including Yogi Berra, of the New York Yankees, in the Baseball Writers Association balloting for the major league all-star team, selected last week.

ROY CAMPANELLA

Campy, who is a strong candidate to win the most valuable player award in the National League, collected 174 votes. Berra, long touted as his nearest rival and in some quarters his superior — received only five votes.

In the balloting, which saw the American League gain only three positions, Chicago White Sox outfielder Minnie Minoso was fifth in the contest for the three flychasing berths.

Two Dodgers — Duke Snider and Carl Furillo—teamed with the St. Louis Cardinals' Stan Musial for the outfield assignments. They were followed in fourth place by Mickey Mantle, who got 29 votes, one more than Minoso.

The complete balloting follows:

FIRST BASE—Vernon, Nats, 73; Hodges, Dodgers, 57; Kluszewski, Redlegs; Fain, Athletics, 3, ROBINSON, Dodgers, 1, and Lockman, Giants, 1

SECOND BASE — Schoendienst, Cardinals, 163; Goodman, Red Sox

MONTH'S PRO ATHLETE—Roy Campanella, catcher for the Dodgers, received the Hickok monthly belt award as the outstanding professional athlete of the month at Ebbets Field. The presentation was made by Vince Scully (center), sports announcer, and Murray Goodman (right), a boxing authority. The award made Campy eligible for the annual diamond-studded belt, valued at $10,000, given each year by Ray Hickok of the Hickok Belt Company.—INS Photo.

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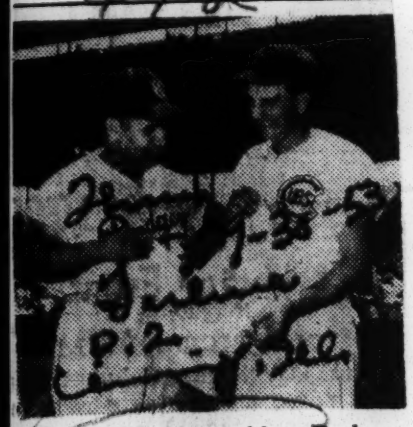

Roy Campanella, Dodgers catcher, shows Ralph Kiner proper way to fold diaper after first time yesterday. Campanella's sixth child also was born yesterday. [TRIBUNE Photo]

Snider Slams Two As Bums Win, 6-3

Campanella Sets RBI Mark In Victory Over Cardinals

BROOKLYN, Aug. 31—(AP)—Duke Snider blasted two home runs, raising his total for August to 15, as the Brooklyn Dodgers whipped the St. Louis Cardinals, 6-3, Monday night and increased their National League lead to 10½ games.

The league record for home runs in one month is 16 by Ralph Kiner.

Roy Campanella of the Dodgers broke the National League mark for runs batted in by a catcher during the season as he doubled home a pair in the sixth for a total of 124.

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Sl'ghter.rf	1	0	0	0	Rob'son.lf	4	1	2	0
Elliott. rf	3	1	2	0	Cam'n'la.c	4	1	6	0
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Bilko. 1b	4	0	10	0	Morgan.3b	3	0	0	2
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c-Haddix	0	0	0	0	Labine. p	0	0	0	0
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a-Sch'd'st	0	0	0	0					
b-Schofld	0	0	0	0					
White. p	0	0	0	0					
d-Yvars	1	0	0	0					
Totals	30	4	24	11	Totals	32	10	27	9

a—Walked for Staley in 8th
b—Ran for Schoendienst in 8th
c—Ran for Rice in 9th
d—Grounded into double play for White in 9th

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Brooklyn	100 202 01x	—6

R—Repulski. Hemus. Rice. Snider 4. Robinson. Hodges. E—None. RBI—Snider 2. Rice. Hodges 2. Campanella 2. Musial 2. 2B—Campanella. Hemus. HR—Snider 2. Rice. Hodges. DP—Hemus. Lowrey and Bilko 2: Gilliam. Reese and Hodges. Left—St. Louis 6. Brooklyn 3. BB—Staley 1. Milliken 6. SO—Staley 1. Milliken 6. HO—Staley 9 in 7. Milliken 4 in 8 1-3. White 1 in 1. Labine 0 in 2-3. R—ER—Staley 5-5: Milliken 3-3: White 1-1. Labine 0-0. W—Milliken (6-3) L—Staley (16-7). U—Goetz. Secory. Dascoli and Dixon. T—2:09. A—17,471.

Irvin Losing Ground In Batting Race

BROOKLYN—Roy Campanella, while not saying it out loud, is definitely beaming his blows toward the Most Valuable Player Award in the National league, not to mention the major league runs-batted-in record.

Last week Campy tied the record of 124 runs driven in, held by such catching stalwarts as Gabby Hartnett of the Chicago Cubs and Walker Cooper, St. Louis and Boston. And then, as the last gesture of the month of August, Campanella smashed that record when he drove in two runs.

CHASING DICKEY'S MARK

The all-time record for catchers is held by Bill Dickey, former New York Yankee star of two decades ago. Dickey batted in 133 runs in one season.

Campanella is in hot pursuit of that mark, and, by Friday night had 126 runs batted-in to his credit, just seven shy of Dickey's mark.

In addition to the 126 runs driven in, Campanella had a batting mark of .325 as of Saturday. He also had 35 home runs to his credit. These indicate that he's a mighty important factor in the Dodger machine.

Campanella's strongest opposition is coming from Eddie Mathews, slugging third baseman of the Milwaukee Braves who was leading the field in home runs Saturday with 44. However, he's behind Campy in runs-batted-in and in hitting.

Campanella is in the midst of the battle for the MV award, and his big bat has made him a player to be considered.

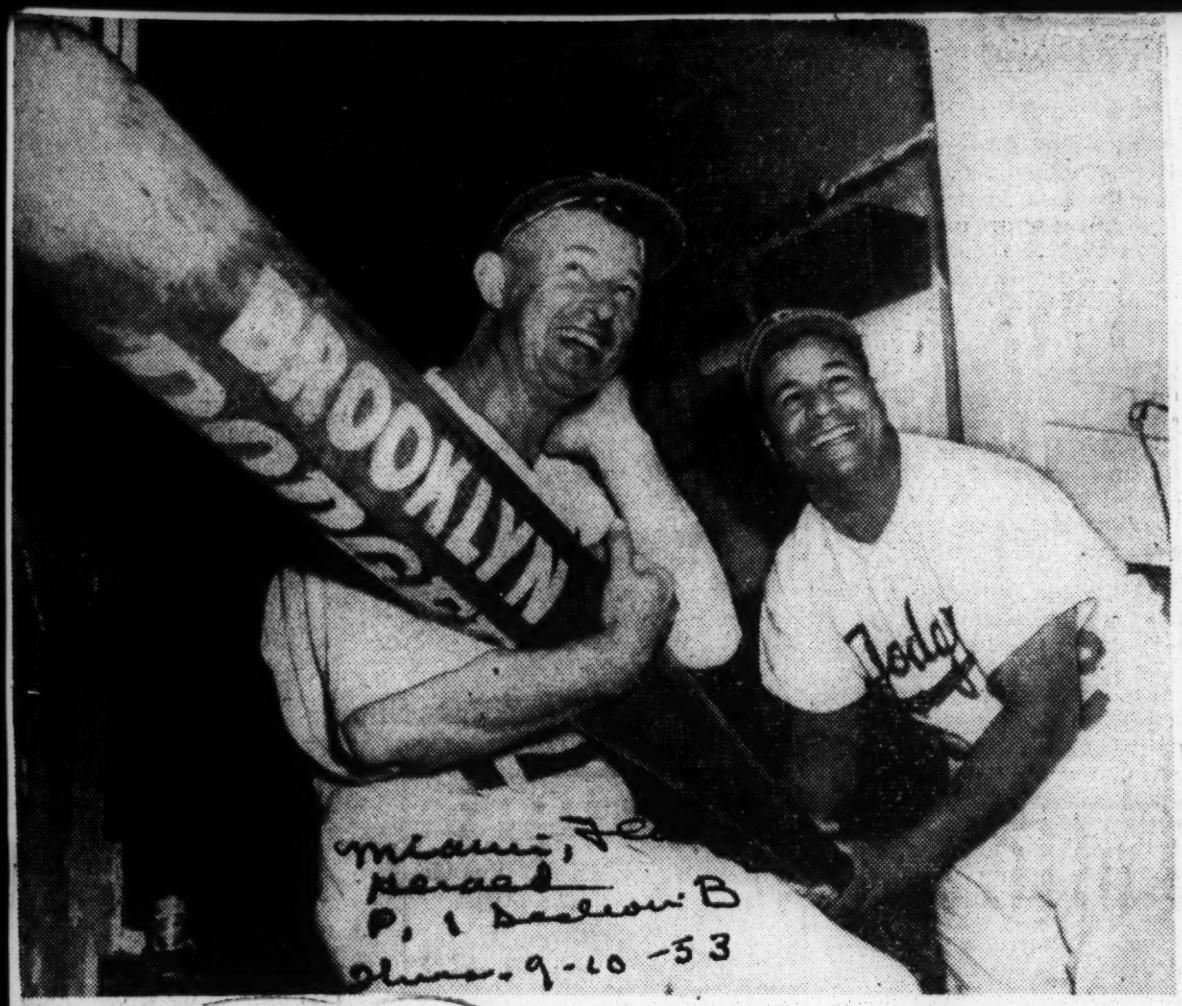
FELLED BY INJURY

Monte Irvin grabbed the lead in the race for the batting championship a few weeks back, and then fell victim to an injury to the ankle he broke in spring training in 1952. And this has proved a big handicap to the New York Giants' outfielder.

First, Irvin was four short of the necessary times at bat to be eligible for the championship. In an effort to make up these four official times at bat, Irvin has been used as a pinch-hitter. As a result, his average has dropped a few points and now he's in third place, behind Red Schoendist of St. Louis, and Carl Furillo of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Right behind Irvin is Jackie Robinson, former batting champion of the National league. Jackie could go on a batting spree and regain the laurels he once held.

The bid of Minnie Minoso for the lead in the American league batting race was given a setback last week as Minnie came down with a case of bursitis, and was on the bench for several days.



THE BIG BAT of Roy Campanella, slightly exaggerated here, is one of the chief weapons that Manager Charlie Dressen (right) and the Brooklyn Dodgers are riding to the National league championship. Campy's bat has probably looked even bigger to some of the pitchers he has abused this season while establishing a runs-batted-in record.

—Associated Press Wirephoto

23 TAN PLAYERS IN MAJORS:

Campanella rated tops in NL; Minoso 3rd in AL

CHICAGO (ANP)—As the 1953 major league baseball season closed Sunday afternoon, catcher Roy Campanella of the Brooklyn Dodgers rated as the No. 1 player in the National league, and Orestes Minoso of the Chicago White Sox emerged as one of the leading players in the American league.

Campy was voted the player of the year award of the Sporting News, the baseball bible, for the second time in his career as he broke nearly every hitting record in the books for catchers. He led the league in runs batted in with 142, a new major league mark for catches, smashed out 41 homers, also a record, and batted .312. On defense he had fewer than 20 bases stolen on him and set a new record for catchers' putouts.

23 Colored Players

Campanella is considered a cinch to be voted the National league's most valuable player. Campy won the MVP honors and Sporting News award in 1951 when he batted .325 and drove in 108 runs.

His feats climaxed a season in which 23 colored playes appeared in the lineups of eight clubs. For the first time, the Chicago Cubs and the Philadelphia Athletics added colored players to their squads during the final month of the season.

For the Cubs, the newcomers were both shortstops, Ernie Banks of the Kansas City Monarchs of the Negro American league and Gene Baker of the Cubs' farm team, the Los Angeles Angels of the Pacific Coast league. Banks played shotstop, and Baker, second base, for the Cubs. Both fielded well, and Banks proved to be a sharp clutch hitter.

Trice Beats Nats

The Athletics brought up pitcher Bob Trice from their Ottowa farm club in the International league. There Trice was the loop's only 20-game winner. With the A's he had a 2-1 record, closing his season with an 11 to 2 victory over the Washington Senators, Saturday night.

In the National league other outstanding performers besides Campanella included his teammates Junior Gilliam and Jackie Robinson, Monte Irvin and rookie Ruben Gomez of the New York Giants, and Bill Bruton of the Milwaukee Braves.

Bruton, Gomez and Gilliam are up for rookie of the year honors with Gilliam most likely to succeed. Gilliam took over second base from Robinson and led the league in triples with 17. He was third in stolen bases with 21 and fourth in runs scored with 125. Bruton led the league in stolen bases with 25 and was second in triples with 13. Gomez was the top pitcher of the Giants with a 13-11 record.

Irvin Hits .329

Irvin is likely to be the comeback of the year. A late-season injury ruined his chances to cop the league batting championship, but he ended the season with a .329 average.

Jackie had another good year. He played every position in the infield at least one game, and he played most frequently in left field. Near the close of the season, Jackie played his original position, shortstop, after he had asked manager Chuck Dressen lessly.

Over in the American league Minoso was the prime figure which saw the underrated White Sox remain in the pennant race until the final month of the season. He batted .313, third in the league, drove in 104 runs, sixth best, and scored 104 runs, fourth best. The Sporting News rated him the third best player in the league.

Johnson, brought up from the minors in August.

Among the disappointments of the year were Larry Doby and Luke Easter of the Cleveland Indians. Injuries plagued both men, giving them sad seasons. Nevertheless, Doby finished third in home runs in the league with 29 and seventh in runs batted in with 103.

Pleasant surprises to the White Sox were first baseman Bob Boyd and pitcher Connie

And back to Minoso—he led the league in stolen bases with 25.

For the Indians, rookie Dave Hoskings after a slow start proved to be an effective hurler, both in relief and in starting roles. He finished with a 9-3 record.

Once more the most colorful figure in baseball was the great Leroy (Satchel) Paige of the St. Louis Browns. he suffered his worse season with onl three victories against nine defeats, but his club finished in last place. Paige realized an ambition of his when he pitched for the American league in the major league All-Star game.

Campy Wins Berth With AP All-Stars

NEW YORK. — Roy Campanella, the Brooklyn Dodgers' ironman catcher, was the only Negro major leaguer and one of three Dodger players to make the Associated Press major league All-Star team.

Teammates of Campy's selected were: Outfielder Duke Snider and Outfielder Carl Furillo.

The St. Louis Cardinals was the only other team to place more than one player on the roster. Cardinals selected were Second-Baseman Red Schoendienst and Outfielder Stan Musial.

World Champion New York Yankees have only one player on the team; he is Shortstop Phil Rizzuto.

Campanella proved to be the prime favorite for the catching position over the Yankees Yogi Berra.

Campy got more votes than any one else on the squad. He beat out Berra, 174 to 5.

Last year Campanella trailed Berra by two votes for the A. P. backstop choice.

Sports of The Times

By ARTHUR DALEY

Return of the Natives

THE Giants and the Dodgers return today from their first tours of the West. None too soon, either. They hardly return as conquering heroes, especially those Sad Sacks, the Brooks. But at any rate they will collide head on at the Polo Grounds tonight and tomorrow afternoon. If the merry villagers don't come out in force for those two struggles, particularly the flood-lighter, Horace Stoneham, owner of the Giants, might just as well turn the Polo Grounds into a parking lots because it would prove that the baseball business is hopelessly outdated.

After floundering around for most of the early season, however, the Giants have begun to drop strong hints that they are starting to emerge from the fog. But the Brooks have even alarmed that most placid and best natured of men, Walter O'Malley. The president of the Dodgers has threatened deals or shake-ups in an effort to stir his heroes into behaving like the pennant favorites they were supposed to be. Stung by his words, the Dodgers promptly beat the red-hot Milwaukee Braves that very night.

The Prophetic Redhead

It's much too early in the season for the O'Malley pop-off to rate comparison with Larry MacPhail's famous clubhouse address of 1942. That happened in mid-August when the Brooks were beginning to dissipate a lead of 10½ games over the St. Louis Cardinals.

"I'm worried," stormed the Roaring Redhead, then the Dodger president. "You guys are gonna blow the pennant."

"Wanna bet?" asked Dixie Walker. He glanced around at his grinning team-mates. "We'll win the pennant by ten games."

The Cardinals edged out the Dodgers that season.

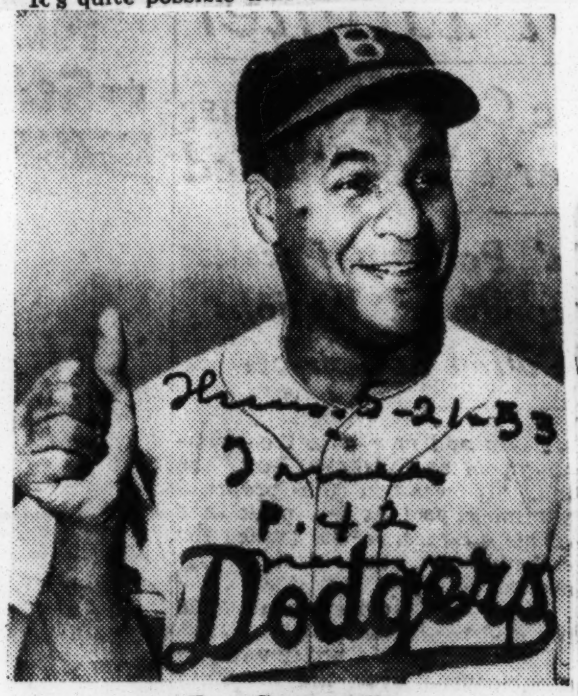
Manager Charlie Dressen already has tried a shake-up by benching Gil Hodges and sending Jackie Robinson to first with Billy Cox at third. But Leo Durocher beat him to it by having a shake-up of his own. The Silent Strategist moved Whitey Lockman to the outfield and placed Tookie Gilbert at first. He even benched Bobby Thomson, his big hitter, for a spell.

As a matter of fact, an observer shudders to think where the Brooks would be right now if they didn't have Roy Campanella in the line-up. The happy-go-lucky catcher has been carrying the entire team on his broad back, slamming homers and batting in runs at an utterly fantastic pace. Thus far Campy has been the whole ball club.

Going on Relief

Neither the Giants nor the Dodgers have been too sound in the pitching department to date. But where they differ sharply this year from last year is in the matter of relief. Hoyt Wilhelm of the Giants has been as rubber-armed as ever, an item which grows in importance when you realize that the New York hurlers have worked only five complete games. The Brooks have gotten twice that many, but Joe Black has been a huge disappointment in relief. He doesn't overpower the batters any more.

It's quite possible that the rainy spell has hindered those teams which have huge staffs but has helped those with compact ones. The Phillies, for instance, have the racket licked thus far. Their rotation is Robin Roberts, Curt Simmons and two days of rain. Then it's Roberts, Simmons and two days of rain. Almost anyway. Those late-blooming double-headers may yet chop the Phils down to size.



Roy Campanella

He's carrying the Dodgers on his back

The biggest eye-popper to date has been Milwaukee. The Braves have set that metropolis on fire to such an extent that their home attendance already has surpassed the figures that were reached in Boston for the full 1952 season. The enthusiasm of the town has been transmitted to the ball players and they've been valiantly performing over their heads.

The Team to Beat

No matter how much conjecture is juggled, however, there still is no escaping the fact that Brooklyn appears to be more solidly grounded than any of the other teams. Barring the improbability of utter pitching collapse, the Dodgers still can't finish worse than third. But the other four contenders—Giants, Phils, Cards and Braves—could land anywhere from first to fifth.

Perhaps the most encouraging straw at which Giant fans are grasping is the play of big Monte Irvin. Hospitalized for most of last season by a broken ankle, the powerfully built outfielder is thumping blithely away, not quite close to Campanella's stratospheric totals but impressive nonetheless. He can give the Polo Grounds tenants the leadership they need. Gilbert also has been hitting well enough to make the latest Durocher experiment attractive.

However, the impression keeps getting stronger and stronger that quite a few trades will be made before the June 15 deadline arrives as dissatisfied teams with expendables attempt to strike a better balance. The main stumbling block, of course, is that everyone wants to trade second-stringers for regulars.

It's obvious, though, that The O'Malley isn't fooling about his Dodgers. They'd better do something with the Giants tonight and tomorrow—or else.

Campanella, Other Hot 'Bat Boys' Just Swniging Where The Baseball Is Traveling

NEW YORK (NEA) — If Roy Campanella maintained his early foot, the burly Brooklyn backstop would manufacture 73 home runs and bat in 279 runs.

Graybeards can't recall a slugger getting off with such tremendous hels — 10 home runs and 38 runs driven in 21 games.

Focusing more attention on Campanella's shouting were his four round-trippers and 10 RBI's against Roberts, Simmons and Drews in the three-game series which saw the Dodgers take the National League lead from the Phillies. Exclamation pointing it to an even greater extent was Campanella being hotter than a nuclear explosion while teammates, usually highly explosive, were rather cool.

Meanwhile, Stanley Musial was going 21 for 0, perhaps for the first time in his spectacular career. Carl Erskine slammed the door in Musial's face at Ebbets Field, where in the past the Cardinals' sixtime batting champion has stirred up so much trouble.

Musial a Late Starter

Campanella definitely is a hot and cold swatter, albeit a rather dependable and always dangerous one. Up until this trip, Campanella made a habit of leaving the post slowly, preferred hot weather. Basically, Musial, too, takes his time about getting into the swing of things. The year The Man's appendix and tonsils ganged up on him, 1947, he got exactly nowhere until early June.

You can win a bet at most any bar by saying right out loud that Bobby Adams last August had more hits than Musial. Outside of Cincinnati, like as not the average fan has to stop and think where to place Adams, but the fact remains that in August the Redlegs' little third baseman had sprayed more hits around the various premises than the mighty Musial.

Connie Ryan has had 5 for 5 and 6 for 6 this spring. The Phillies' veteran second baseman, lifetime average .246 was batting .351 in 21 games as the eastern clubs swung west.

"All I know is that I'm doing everything right, and am not going to change," says Ryan. "If you're getting base hits, obviously you're doing it the right way."

Charley Dressen says Campanella is standing closer to the plate, the better to poke the outside pitch into right field.

"I don't feel any different," says Campanella. "I wish I knew why I was hitting so well. If I did I'd write it down for future reference.

"I'm just swinging where the ball is."

In a slump, 95 per cent of the more remarkable hitters change their grip or stance or throw the bat away and get a new one. More often than not, this results in their being jerked around, and they do not hit again until they get back in the groove.

In his many years in baseball, Branch Rickey knew only one extraordinary batter who refused to make the slightest alteration. Regardless of how many times he went to bat without a hit, Rogers Hornsby stuck with the script. The Rajah continued to devour steaks and give the movies the back of his neck.

"All I got to do is keep meeting the ball," he used to say. "They'll fall in there."

Standout hitters are of a pattern. That's why they're great.

There is no explaining the hot and cold batter. They turn it on and off like water. They can't tell you why.

So let's say it's a quirk of the reflexes and let it go at that.

Roy Leading Babe Ruth's Homer Pace

Dodger Slugger Also Ahead Of Hack Wilson's RBI Mark

NEW YORK — Two of baseball's venerable "all time records" are in serious jeopardy of being toppled in 1953 by a sigle "villian."

The "villain" in the piece is jovial. likeable Roy Campanella, the indestructible catcher of the Brooklyn Dodgers, whose torrid home-run and RBI pace is setting chroniclers to looking at the records practically every day.

The two all-time marks, generally considered to be as unapproachable as Gibraltar, are the immortal Babe Ruth's 60-home-runs in 1927 and the likewise immortal Hack Wilson's astounding 190 runs-batted in total of 1930.

Ahead Of Pace

At the moment, Campanella is ahead of the pace set by both Wilson and Ruth in their respective record years.

Following action on Memorial Day (May 30) of 1927. Ruth had hit a total of 14-home-runs. Campanella hit number 17 on Saturday, which also was Memorial Day.

At the same period in 1930. Wilson had driven home a total of 42 Chicago Cub mates. Campy, including games of Saturday, boasted a total of 53 runs-batted-in.

Will Cause Comparisons

While no one can predict what the future holds for Campanella during the rest of the season, the very fact that he's ahead of the pace set by the two record holders will cause repeated comparisons during the coming weeks.

The following bi-monthly tables record the progress made by Wilson and Ruth on their way to setting the marks which have withstood all challenges for more than a score of years:

HACK WILSON
Cubs - 1930

Date	R-batted-in	HR
May30	42	14
June 1	60	18
June 30	73	22
July 15	82	24
July 31	103	33
August 15	125	40
August 31	156	46
September 15	172	50
September 28	190	* 56

BABE RUTH
Yankees - 1927

Date	HR
May 30	14
June 15	21
June 30	25
July 15	30
July 31	34
August 15	36
August 31	43
September 15	52
September 30	60

Dats are inclusive. . .)
*N.L. all-time hume-run record

Roy Campanella Rated As All-Time Great Backstop

NEW YORK — Roy Campanella is currently being rated with the all-time great catchers in the national pastime. The comparison stems from his sensational slugging and flawless backstopping for the National League championship Brooklyn Dodgers.

Campanella used up much of his time in the Negro leagues and his late arrival perhaps denies him the ranking of "the greatest of them all." But he'll do for the present.

Because of his hitting he is better than the Cleveland Indians' Jim Hegan and because of his catching is superior to the N. Y. Yankees' Yogi Berra, to name two of his outstanding rivals in the major leagues.

Campanella can do about everything except beat approaching old age. That figures to end his career before it covers as many game as past catching immortals played.

He has something all the good ones have, which you can't quite put your finger on. It is a compactness of movement that reduces sloppiness and allows for no lost motion.

It contributes to sureness and alertness and it makes for a fine performance to watch.

To watch Campanella go through the ordinary motions of receiving and throwing is an experience. You can't keep your eyes off him. Most other catchers just catch. He gives the job an extra touch of class.

Catchers perhaps are born and not made. This is the only way you can account for a man becoming a catcher in the first place. His is the toughest job on the ball field.

The pitcher's job is more strenuous. But the catcher — wearing all that paraphernalia, squatting and standing up, running down to back up throws, throwing to bases, chasing pop-ups, throwing the ball back as often, if not as hard as the pitcher does and handling all kinds of deliveries — has no picnic.

TOUGH ON LEGS

His baseball life is shortened by the beating his legs takes. To last as long as he does he must be rugged.

Ty Cobb, The Georgia Peach, Praises Campanella As Truly Great Catcher

The most famous "cracker" in baseball, Tyrus Raymond Cobb the famed "Georgia Peach" and all time great, last week rated Roy Campanella of the Brooklyn Dodgers among the all time best catchers in the game.

Cobb made this observation while watching the Chicago Cubs play the Dodgers in a three-game series. Of Campy he said in part:

"If he gets about six more years on him, they've got to put him right up near the top . . .He's got to watch his weight and be the all-star catcher for the next few years. He's great now, but you've got to go over a long period of time to prove it to everybody

"He can hit with as much power as anyone playing baseball today. His arm ranks with the best I've ever seen. But there is another reason why he is one of the greatest catchers of all time.

"Watch him. Look how close he is to the plate. That's the sign of a great catcher. Few who are called great ever got that close. It's a big help to the pitcher. He catches a lot of balls before they curve or drift away from the plate and gets strikes on a lot that are called balls on other pitchers."

Praise from Cobb is unusual for any player, particularly a Negro player. During nearly 30 years of baseball Cobb had a life time average of .387 an set innumberable records.

Campanella, Burdett Scrap Over Duster

Two Players Get Into Near Fist-Fight In Game

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 4 (AP)—It was muddy and wet at the stadium last night, but pitcher Lew Burdette, of the Braves, and Roy Campanella, of the Dodgers, managed, nevertheless, to get into a near fist fight over an alleged "duster."

Campanella, batting in the Brooklyn half of the eighth inning, ducked two close pitches by Burdette, and struck out. Then Campanella walked toward the mound, bat in hand, and exchanged words with the Milwaukee pitcher.

Milwaukee catcher Del Crandall and plate umpire Tom Gorman intervened, assisted quickly by players of both clubs. The belligerents didn't even get close to each other. The game eventually was ended by rain in the eighth inning, Brooklyn winning, 1-0.

Campanella fumed after the game over what he referred to as two "dust-off" pitches. He said Burdette "called me a dirty name and I went for him." Campanella added "I didn't intend using the bat on him (Burdette); I just didn't have time to get rid of it."

Burdette said Campanella did the name calling.

It was the third "incident" of this nature between Milwaukee and Brooklyn players in recent weeks. Burdette tangled with Jackie Robinson, and pitcher Johnny Antonelli with Campanella in a recent series in Brooklyn.

Phils' Loss Gives Top National Spot To Brooklyn Club

By FRED DOWN

BROOKLYN, N. Y. (AP) — Roy Campanella lined his seventh home run of the season into the center field stands with two out in the ninth inning Saturday to give the Brooklyn Dodgers a 7-6 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies and their first triumph over Robin Roberts in two years.

It was the day half of a day-night doubleheader.

Joe Black was named by Manager Charley Dressen to bat for a Brooklyn sweep in the second game of the day-night double-header. Left-hander Curt Simmons was chosen to pitch for the Phils.

Campanella's drive—to straightaway center field — followed a walk to Jackie Robinson and tagged Roberts with his second loss of the season. The powerful right-hander was tagged for 11 hits, including two homers and three doubles.

It was only the second time during his career that Roberts was beaten by the Dodgers at Ebbets Field. Right-hander Ben Wade, who pitched the ninth inning for the Dodgers, was the winner.

Roberts, working his seventh complete game in 24 days, got strong hitting support from his teammates. But the Dodgers left safely in every inning except the first and left two runners stranded in each of the first, second and fourth innings.

Roberts first seemed to be beaten when Robinson led off the seventh inning with a line drive into the left field stands which put the Dodgers ahead 5-4. But the Phils bounced right back in the eighth to rout Carl Erskine and go ahead, 6-5, only to have Campanella win it.

With one out, Earl Torgeson and Granny Hamner hit successive singles and both advanced when Second Baseman Junior Gilliam let Erskine's attempted pickoff throw go through into center field. Jones then followed with his single to center which scored Torgeson and Hamner.

Erskine took over in the sixth inning when the Phils scored two runs to produce a 4-4 tie. Three singles, an error and an outfield fly, produced the runs before Erskine struck out Bill Nicholson and Roberts with the bases filled to get out of the inning.

PHILADELPHIA	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Ryan 2b	4	2	1	3	5	1
Ashburn cf	4	1	3	1	0	0
Clark rf	3	1	1	0	0	0
Wyrostek rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Ennis lf	3	0	1	4	0	0
Torgeson 1b	5	1	2	12	2	1
Hamner ss	4	1	1	2	5	0
Jones 3b	3	0	1	1	2	0
Lopata c	2	0	0	1	0	0
a-Nicholson	1	0	0	0	0	0
Burgess c	1	0	1	0	1	0
Roberts p	4	0	0	2	2	0
Totals	36	6	11	26	27	2
BROOKLYN	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Gilliam 2b	5	0	2	2	2	2
Reese ss	3	1	1	2	2	1
Snider cf	5	0	1	2	0	0
Robinson 3b	4	2	1	1	2	0
Campanella c	5	2	2	7	0	0
Shuba lf	4	2	2	3	0	0
Furillo rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hodges 1b	4	0	1	7	1	0
Thompson rf, lf	3	0	0	3	1	0
Roe p	1	0	0	0	2	0
Erskine p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hughes p	0	0	0	0	0	0
b-Walker	1	0	1	0	0	0
c-Antonello	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wade p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	36	7	11	27	10	3

x—Two out when winning run scored.
a—Struck out for Lopata in 6th.
b—Doubled for Hughes in 8th.
c—Ran for Walker in 8th.

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RBI — Torgeson, Gilliam, Clark, Shuba, Hodges, (Reese scored on Ryan's error in 4th), Ennis, Hamner, Robinson, Jones, Campanella 2. 2b—Ryan, Torgeson, Shuba, Snider, Burgess, Walker. HR — Robinson, Campanella. SB—Campanella. SH — Ashburn, Roe. DP—Thompson to Hodges to Reese; Gilliam to Reese to Hodges; Ryan to Hammer to Torgeson. LOB—Philadelphia 8, Brooklyn 8. BB—Roberts 4, Roe 2, Erskine 1. SO—Roberts 1, Roe 1, Erskine 3, Hughes 1, Wade 1. HO—Roe 6-5 (pitched to four batters in 6th); Erskine 5-2 1-3; Hughes 0 2-3; Wade 0-1. R & ER—Roe 4-4; Roberts 7-6; Erskine 2-2. W—Wade (2-0). L—Roberts (4-2).

Campanella Homers Again Bums Win, 5-0

BROOKLYN, May 10 (AP).— Catcher Roy Campanella blasted across all Brooklyn runs and pitcher Loes permitted six scattered singles as the Dodgers wrested first place from Philadelphia with a 5-0 shutout today.

Campanella clouted a double scoring Pee Wee Reese and Duke Snider in the third inning off starter and loser Karl Drews and homered with Snider and Jackie Robinson aboard in the fifth off the same pitcher. The stocky Dodger backstop also clipped reliefer Andy Hansen for a two-bagger in the eighth.

The homer was Campanella's fourth in the three-game series with Philadelphia and his 10th in the Dodgers' 21 games. Campy's RBI's boosted his league leading total to 38.

The Phils received a damaging blow when Granny Hamner, ace shortstop, suffered a sprained left ankle in a collision with Snider while fielding Robinson's grounder in the third. He returned to his position after first aid but was forced to leave the game in the fifth, Jack Lohrke replaced him.

Philadelphia	AB	H	O	A
Ryan, 2b	4	1	3	3
Ashburn,cf	4	1	0	0
Wyr'tek,rf	4	1	1	0
Ennis, lf	4	1	1	0
Tor'son,1b	4	1	0	3
Hamner,ss	2	1	0	3
Lohrke, ss	1	0	1	0
bNich's'n	1	0	0	0
Jones, 3b	3	0	0	0
Burgess,c	2	0	4	1
Drews, p	1	0	0	2
Ridzik, p	0	0	0	1
azwaitkus	1	1	0	0
Hansen, p	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	6	24	10

Brooklyn	AB	O	H	A
Gilliam,2b	3	0	2	7
Reese, ss	4	0	1	3
Rob'son,3b	3	0	1	1
Cam'n'la,c	4	3	3	1
Shuba, lf	3	1	3	0
Furillo, rf	0	0	0	0
Hodges, 1b	2	0	12	1
Th'pson,rf	3	0	1	0
Loes, p	3	0	1	2
Totals	28	5	27	15

a—Singled for Ridzik in 8th.
b—Grounded out for Lohrke in 9th.

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R—Reese, Snider 2, Robinson, Campanella. E—Ryan, Hodges. RBI—Campanella 5. 2B—Campanella. HR—Campanella. DP—Reese, Gilliam and Hodges; Robinson, Gilliam and Hodges. Left—Philadelphia 6, Brooklyn 6. BB—Drews 5, Hansen 1, Loes 2. SO—Drews 3, Ridzik 1, Loes, 2. H?—Drews 4 in 5; Ridzik in 2; Hansen 1 in1. R-ER—Drews 5-3; Ridzik 0-0; Hansen 0-0, Loes 0-0. HBP—by Drews (Thompson). W—Loes (4-1). L—Drews (2-2). U—Gorman, Conlan, Warneke and Antonelli. T—2:18. A—23,843.

Campanella Knocks In All 5 Runs

BROOKLYN —(AP)— Catcher Roy Campanella blasted across all Brooklyn runs and pitcher Billy Loes permitted six scattered singles as the Dodgers wrested first place from Philadelphia with a 5-0 shutout Sunday.

Campanella clouted a double scoring Pee Wee Reese and Duke Snider in the third inning off starter and loser Karl Drews and homered with Snider and Jackie Robinson aboard in the fifth off the same pitcher. The stocky Dodger backstop also clipped reliefer Andy Hansen for a two-bagger in the eighth.

The homer was Campanella's fourth in the three-game series with Philadelphia and his 10th in the Dodgers' 21 games. The five RBI's boosted his league-leading total to 38.

Loes had only one worrisome inning, the ninth, when Richie Ashburn opened with a single and, after Johnny Wyrostek flied out, Del Ennis also singled. Earl Torgeson then rapped a sharp grounder into the hole between first and second that was labeled base hit.

Second baseman Junior Gilliam, however, darted to his left and made a brilliant stop and throw to retire the runner. Pinch hitter Bill Nicholson ended the game with a bounder to Gilliam, giving Loes his fourth victory against one loss. Back in the third inning, Gilliam had made a similar play to retire the fleet-footed Ashburn.

The victory, which put the Dodgers a half game in front of the Phils, marked the first time in six games that a Philly pitcher had failed to go the route against Brooklyn. On the other hand, Loes became the first Dodger pitcher to go the distance against Philadelphia this season.

Drews, in losing his second game against two triumphs, yielded only five hits in the five innings he pitched, but he was wild, walking five batters. Walks figured in all Brooklyn scoring.

The Phils received a damaging blow when Granny Hamner, ace shortstop, suffered a sprained left ankle in a collision with Snider while fielding Robinson's grounder in the third. He returned his position after first aid but was forced to leave the game in the fifth, Jack Lohrke replaced him.

PHILA.	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Ryan, 2b	4	0	1	3	3	1
Ashburn, cf	4	0	1	0	0	0
Wyrostek, rf	4	0	1	1	0	0
Ennis, lf	4	0	1	2	0	0
Torgeson, 1b	4	0	0	13	0	0
Hamner, ss	2	0	1	0	3	0
Lohrke, ss	1	0	0	1	0	0
b-Nicholson	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jones, 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0
Burgess, c	3	0	0	4	1	0
Drews, p	1	0	0	0	2	0
Ridzik, p	0	0	0	0	1	0
a-Waitkus	1	0	1	0	0	0
Hansen, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	0	6	24	10	1

BROOKLYN	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Gilliam,2b	3	0	0	2	7	0
Reese, ss	4	1	0	1	3	0
Snider, cf	3	2	1	3	0	0
Robinson, 3b	3	1	0	1	1	0
Campanella, c	4	1	3	3	1	0
Shuba, lf	3	0	1	3	0	0
Furillo, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hodges, 1b	2	0	0	12	1	1
Thompson, rf-lf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Loes, p	3	0	0	1	2	0
Totals	28	5	5	27	15	1

a—Singled for Ridzik in 8th.
b—Grounded out for Lohrke in 9th.

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CAMPANELLA STARS AS BROOKS WIN, 5-0

Dodger Catcher Doubles for Two Runs, Hits Homer for Three Against Phils

By ROSCOE McGOWEN

A fellow named Roy Campanella is threatening the legendary prestige of Paul Bunyan and Jim McCool, not to mention Superman. That, at least, is the conviction shared by the 23,843 fans and the allegedly blasé members of the press who were at Ebbets Field yesterday when the Dodgers beat the Phils, 5—0, and took over the National League lead.

All five of the runs were driven in by Campy—two in the third inning with a double to right center and the other three in the fifth inning with a home run into the left-field stands. In each instance two were out and Karl Drews was the victim.

Campanella's batting yesterday was just piling climax upon climax, for in the last five games he has whacked five home runs—four in two days—and has batted in sixteen runs. Roy is now leading the league with thirty-eight runs batted in.

Batting Average Soars

In those five games Campy's batting average has been .571, for a dozen hits in twenty-one times at bat. For good measure, Roy has scored eight times and stolen one base, not to mnetion throwing out a couple of over-ambitious baserunners.

Campanella has even won the unstinted admiration of Steve O'Neill, manager of the Phils, who has suffered most from the Campanella skills.

"He makes catching look easy," said Steve, as he watched Campy in pre-game practice. "He gets that ball away with no effort but he throws you out." And O'Neill shook his grizzled head in wondering admiration.

Billy Loes was the author of the shut-out, a six-hitter, which made him the leading Brooklyn pitcher with four triumphs and one defeat. Loes needed, and received, some extraordinary help from Jim (Junior) Gilliam, the Dodgers' rookie second baseman, especially in the ninth inning.

In the fifth, Junior went far to his left to snare a grounder hit by Richie Ashburn, fastest man on the Phils, and threw him out. In the ninth, with Ashburn on second and Del Ennis on first via a pair of singles and with only one out, Gilliam went even farther to his left to get a grounder from Specs Torgeson, second speediest Phil, and also threw Specs out. Then Jim tossed out Jack Lohrke to end the game.

"It was a nice note on which to end a home stand," said Walter O'Malley, Dodger president, as he joined the fans in applauding Gilliam.

over Drews' head and one count. Campanella hit Drews at first after trying first pitch for his tenth homer of much second with his the campaign to wrap up the victraining his left ankle tory.

Then Campy came Roy also belted a second double his double to the open off the right field concrete to open t center for the two the eighth inning off Steve Ridzik, who pitched from the sixth nning opportunity for inning on. The Dodgers made only set up by Snider and five hits and Campanella made ter Gilliam and Reese three of them. p, Duke rifled a single right side and Robinfter going to a three-

Turned Trick Last Year

Ryan Makes Arror

The scoring opportunity for the Brooks in the third inning was set up and lined his double left center for the two Torgeson, second baseman Phil, threw low to Gran Hamner on Campy was set up Jack Lohrke to end what should have been at least a force-out at second on Duke Snider's grounder after Peewee Reese had popped up, Duke Gilliam had forced Gilliam. Hamner took Jackie Robinson's son walked after g

Roy Campanella's Torrid Bat Continues to Amaz
Baseball World

(Special to the Courier)

ST. LOUIS—Roy Campanella undoubtedly set a record with his blistering pace at bat in the first month of the season, but here is no way to check on it unless you have the time and patience to go through all the box scores in the history of major league baseball.

Campanella smashed 11 homers and drove in 41 runs in the first 24 games the Dodgers played, his tempo reaching its peak in the recent series with the Phils when he hit four homers and knocked in 10 runs in three games against the redoubtable pitching of Robin Roberts, Curt Simmons and Karl Drews.

After this splurge Campanella found himself with virtually twice as many homers and RBI's as anybody else in either major league. It made for some staggering comparisons.

Stan Musial, for instance, happened to be in a slump while Campanella was on his spree, so there was Campy with 40 runs batted in when Musial showed exactly four.

Roy's RBI figure is the one that probably surpasses any ever amassed in such a short stretch of games. Some one did check Hack Wilson's first month totals for 1930, the year he established the present major league record of 190 runs batted in, and it was found that after 21 games Hack had only 18 RBI, less than half of Campanella's total.

There is very little chance, though, that Campy will break Wilson's record. For one thing, nobody is going to go on batting in 40 runs a month. Campanella could cool off a bit and still pass 190, but he would have to play in all or practically all of the scheduled games and Charlie Dressen says he is going to insist that Roy take a rest now and then.

"I don't care what he says," Dressen said, referring to Campanella's announced intention of playing 154 games. "He'll be running into double-headers and he's not going to catch all of them."

All managers feel it is important to rest the regular catcher occasionally, and probably that's why no catcher has ever led either major league in homers or runs batted in. They just don't play enough games.

The year Campanella played his most games, 143, in 1951, was also the year he registered his most home runs, 33, and his most runs batted in, 108. That was Roy's most valuable player season.

What makes Campy hit the way he's been hitting? He'd like to have you feel it's just a streak, which it may be, because he's been subject to such flashes all through his career. "When you get hot, you're liable to hit anything," he says. "I just hope it keeps up."

Dressen, though, has an idea there may be more to it than that. He reveals that Campanella has made a change in his stance. Roy now stands closer to the plate, giving him a better command of outside pitches.

Questioned about this, Roy said it was true, but he wished Dressen hadn't mentioned it. "I was trying to keep that new stance a secret," he said. But he admitted that the pitchers must have noticed it because they've been experimenting with him, trying pitches he never used to see. After all, how can you keep 11 homers and 41 runs batted in a secret?

Campanella Slugs Dodgers Into First Place

BROOKLYN — (ANP) — Blasting enemy pitching for hits 8 8 hits in 13 times at bat in three games Saturday and Sunday, Catcher Roy Campanella and his big bat propelled the Brooklyn Dodger past the Philadelphia Phillies into first place in the National league.

Campy blasted four home runs and drove in 10 runs as the Dodgers won two of three games from the Phils to take the National League lead.

His terrific hitting also catapulated the great backstop into the major league lead among sluggers with 9 home runs and 38 runs batted in to rate far ahead of other batters in either the American or National league. He is hitting a mighty .390 to rate second in the National loop in that department.

Roy has slammed out 68 total bases for a slugging average of .827. Here is a roundup of what Campanella did over the two-day weekend.

He smashed out one home run, stole a base and drove in two runs as the Dodgers whipped the Phils 7-6 in th day game, Saturday. His home came with two out and Jackie Robinson on base in the last of the ninth to give Brooklyn victory.

Saturday night he slammed out two home runs and drove home three, but Brooklyn lost 8 to 4.

....Sunday, Campy drove in all five of his team's runs as the Dodgers shut out the Phillies 5 to 0. He smashed one homer and two doubles for the cause.

In the Saturday night game, Joe Black started for the first time this season, but Philadelphia was too rough for him. The Phils blasted him out of the Block in the fifth inning. Black was a bit wild, walking three men and hitting one batter. Black (also) committed an error.

Roy Leading Babe Ruth's Homer Pace

Dodger Slugger Also Ahead Of Hack Wilson's RBI Mark

NEW YORK — Two of baseball's venerable "all time records" are in serious jeopardy of being toppled in 1953 by a sigle "villian."

The "villain" in the piece is jovial, likeable Roy Campanella, the indestructible catcher of the Brooklyn Dodgers, whose torrid home-run and RBI pace is setting chroniclers to looking at the records practically every day.

The two all - time marks, generally considered to be as unapproachable as Gibraltar, are the immortal Babe Ruth's 60-home-runs in 1927 and the likewise immortal Hack Wilson's astounding 190 runs batted in total of 1930.

Ahead Of Pace

At the moment, Campanella is ahead of the pace set by both Wilson and Ruth in their respective record years.

Following action on Memorial Day (May 30) of 1927, Ruth had hit a total of 14-home-runs. Campanella hit number 17 on Saturday, which also was Memorial Day.

At the same period in 1930, Wilson had driven home a total of 42 Chicago Cub mates of Campy, including games of Saturday, boasted a total of 53 runs-batted-in.

Will Cause Comparisons

While no one can predict what the future holds for Campanella during the rest of the season, the very fact that he's ahead of the pace set by the two record holders will cause repeated comparisons during the coming weeks.

The following bi - monthly tables record the progress made by Wilson and Ruth on their way to setting the marks which have withstood all challenges for more than a score of years:

HACK WILSON
Cubs - 1930

Date	R-batted-in	HR
May30	42	14
June 1	60	18
June 30	73	22
July 15	82	24
July 31	103	33
August 15	125	40
August 31	156	46
September 15	172	50
September 28	190	* 56

BABE RUTH
Yankees - 1927

Date	HR
May 30	14
June 15	21
June 30	25
July 15	30
July 31	34
August 15	36
August 31	43
September 15	52
September 30	60

Dats are inclusive. . .)
*N.L. all-time home-run record,

Morris Murray Pollock of New York, who served with the First Marine Division in the Southwest Pacific, he says that restrictions on credit and the effect they have on the building industry make it difficult for a young architect to get going.

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ROY CAMPANELLA

'Just Had Good Season' Says MVP Campanella

By ARNOLD DE MILLE

BROOKLYN — This city has had its now famous tree and the dashing, dazzling Dodgers for years.

Now something new has been added — a hero, a hero who's making history like it ain't never been made before in Brooklyn, U. S. A.

He is Roy Campanella, the fense-bustin' catcher who everybody rates the best there is in baseball. Any loyal and law-abiding citizen of the great baseball kingdom of Flatbush will have you believe he's the best who ever done it.

"How many records did he break?" you'll be asked right off the bat.

ALL AROUND STAR

"Name me another catcher any where who can hit more homers, catch a better game and play more baseball than Campy," youre asked almost in the same breath.

"Furthermore, how many guys you know can beat Campys arm on the bases? And besides, Campy. . ."

"Campy" has been a household name on the lips and in the hearts of million of Dodgers fans since he came up from the minors in 1948. He was somewhat of an unsung hero even in 1951 when he was chosen the first time the National League's Most Valuable Player.

But last week he became a hero of no uncertain status when the sports writers of America voted him the senior league's most valuable player for the second time in two years.

And with that unusual honor three new records were established.

The Brooklyn hero became the first Dodger player to win the sacred citation twice, the first catcher to do it twice and the first Negro to capture it more than once.

But trying to get the great one to talk about himself and the kind of game he played last season was almost as simple as pulling a triple play with three men on base.

FELT IT COMING

"I just had a good season, that's all," he said.

Campanella did admit, however, that he felt early in the Spring training he was going to have a good season.

"I always had about fifty strikeouts a year out of five hundred times at bat," he said, "And was determined to try and cut that in half.

So instead of trying to put the ball over the fence as in the past seasons, Roy explained, he began trying to meet the ball.

"I found it was easier to hit that way,' Campanella went on. "It also gave me more power to get more hits to the opposite field (left), something I never did before.'

As the training season progressed, he said, he felt that if he could perfect the new swing he was sure to have a good season.

When the 1953 season opened, Brooklyn's new hero found that he was doing pretty well with his new swing.

"It was a mighty fine feeling knowing that I could do it." Roy asserted.

"I also found that by timing the ball your eyes are balanced and you can watch it better and have a better idea of what the pitcher is going to do."

SURPRISES GALORE

And as the season went along, Campy found he was hitting.

"I was surprised myself. The guys wanted to know what was happening to me, what I was eating and what was I doing, the way I was hitting."

Another thing, he related, the new swing enabled him to hit to both fields and the opponents couldn't "bunch up' on him in one field.

"But even at that I struck out some fifty-six times,' Roy laughed.

Physically, the Bums' mainstring catcher said he felt fine all year, had no serious injury to keep him on the bench more than two or three days in a row.

At the beginning of the season there were some remarks regarding his weight. Some of the sports writers felt he was heavy at 211 and it would prove a factor as the season progressed.

"But that's my regular weight," Roy grinned.

RELAXATION ESSENTIAL

Actually, there is no specific formula for getting a hit other than to relax, said Roy.

"You are never relaxed if you are worried about getting a hit, or whether a man is on second or third.

As to his job behind the plate, Roy claims that a player plays by instinct.

"You don't have time to think," he added. "It has to be by instinct."

There is no art in a catcher getting hurt or not getting hurt.

"There is no telling where a ball is going when it fouls off a bat," he said. "If it's coming at you and you blink your eyes just once, youre a dead duck."

Campy feels that he has the respect of all the players in the National League. He is never ridden by the players on the other side. The seven years he has been in organized baseball, the Milwaukee incident last summer, when he allegedly went after a pitcher with a bat, was the first he can remember.

"And I didn't go after that man with a bat," he explained. "I was going to the dugout."

The big man admitted that from the very first day of the last season's campaign, the players on the Dodger team felt they would win the pennant.

MILWAUKEE A THREAT

"But we knew we had to play to win it. Milwaukee gave us quite a run there for a while."

Campy confessed that he was worried, as were his team mates, when he was hit on the right hand in the first game of the World Series with the Yankees.

"My hand was so sore the next day it was pitiful,' he disclosed.

Roy got baseball in 1937 with the Baltimore Elite Giants of the National Negro league. He entered the Dodger organization in 1946 and was sent to Nashua in New Hampshire.

He was sent to the Montreal Royals in 1947 and to the Dodgers the next year.

SUCCESSFUL MANAGER

Campy played with the Puerto Rican winter League in 1939, '40, '41, and the Mexican League the summers of 1942 and 43. He was with the Cuban League the winer of '43, back with the Puerto Rican League (winter) 1944 and '45, and in 1946 and '47 with the Venezuelian League, where he managed the Vargas the two years he was there.

He managed the first barnstorming team of big league Negro players in 1950, consisting of players like Jackie Robinson, Don Newcombe, Monte Irvin, Larry Doby and other players who were brought into the majors. He guided the team three years.

The Campanellas were married in Philadelphia in 1939, and have six children, Joyce, 14, Beverly, 13, David, 10, Roy, 5, Tony, 3, and and Depayton 3 months.

The Brooklyn hero said the only formula he has is his desire to play baseball.

"I just love to play baseball," he concluded. "I get a thrill out of playing.'

THE CAMPANELLAS Roy, Jr., 5, Mrs. Ruth Campanella, David, 10, Tony, 5 and Roy, Sr., Brooklyn Dodger catcher, voted most valuable player in National Baseball League.

Sports of The Times

By ARTHUR DALEY

The Jolly Round Man

THE voting for the Most Valuable Player award has produced so much rancor on so many occasions that the balloting members of the Baseball Writers Association have been accused by indignant fans of everything from blindness and stupidity to downright dishonesty. None of these charges ever had the slightest basis in fact, of course, and the typewriter pounders have bitterly resented them, weird though their findings may have seemed at times.

But everyone can relax now. The committee of twenty-four writers from the eight National League cities voted for the winner of the MVP trophy the other day and it was no contest. Roy Campanella won by a landslide. That's exactly as it should have been; because Round Roy, the Jolly Dodger, was easily the most valuable operative in the league.

The Brooks took the pennant, going away. It seemed to have been done with so little effort that fans are now inclined to forget how rugged the struggle had been in the first few months of the 1953 season. It was so alarming, as a matter of fact, that Walter O'Malley, the president of the Brooks, made a special trip to the West on an exploratory investigation. It was after this visit that the Dodgers leveled off and outdistanced the field.

Sole Support

For those first few months, though, Campy was the sole support of the ball club. No one was hitting with any consistency. The pitching was haphazard, spotty and undependable. Even Charlie Dressen, a fullfledged genius in his own estimation, was not percolating with every brain cell. If it hadn't been for Rollicking Roy, the Brooks might have fallen beyond redemption.

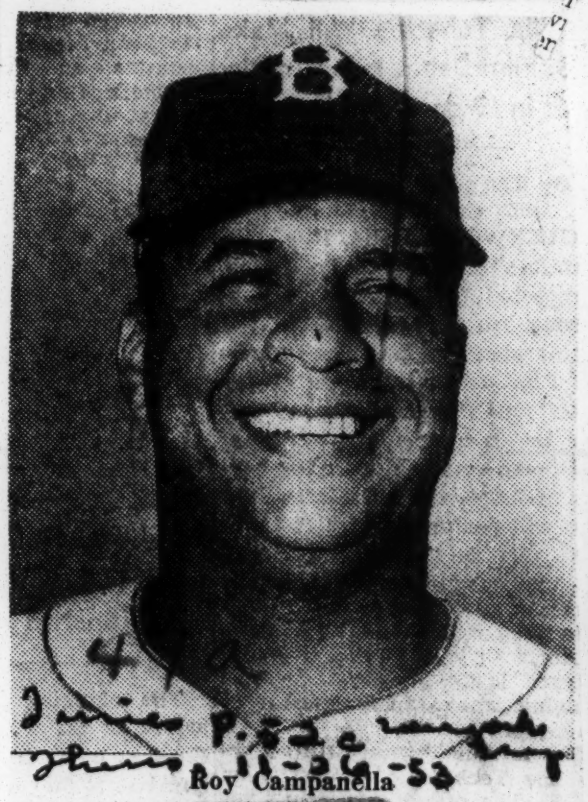
The roly-poly catcher was absolutely fantastic. There was nothing extraordinary about his batting average during that period. It was somewhere about .335, give or take a few points. But what he did with those hits! He batted in almost twice as many runs as any other operator in either league. He had nearly twice as many home runs as anyone else. In both departments he was traveling at a rate that would have eclipsed Babe Ruth's homer mark of sixty and Hack Wilson's runs-batted-in mark of 190.

What made Campy such an arresting performer, however, was the method he used to catch the headlines. The prosaic he scorned. Everything was cast in a heroic mold. Hollywood could use his flair for the dramatic. Let's take a few examples.

Fictional Finish

The Phillies were leading the league when they roared into Ebbets Field on May 9 for a three-game series. Manager Steve O'Neill led with his ace, the then invincible Robin Roberts. The big right-hander was not quite as overpowering as usual as he went into the ninth inning with a 6-5 advantage. He retired the first two men and seemed home free until he let Jackie Robinson escape with a walk.

Up stepped Campy to end the game. But he didn't end it the way the Phils expected. The stocky catcher lashed a fast ball on a low line into the center-field bleachers for a two-run, two-out homer in the ninth to win the game, 7 to 6. In the second game he hit two more homers. In the third game he drove in two



Roy Campanella

He has a flair for the dramatic

runs with a double and three more with a homer for a 5-0 Dodger victory.

Thus, in virtual single-handed fashion, Campanella jarred the Phils loose from the league lead. A couple of weeks later the Brooks toppled Roberts again. This time it was 2—0. Campy supplied one run with a homer, Duke Snider the other with a matching blow.

More Pyrotechnics -

A few days later the Jolly Dodger gave the Giants a rude push down the road to oblivion. Jim Hearn was pitching well for a change and he had the Brooks licked, 3 to 2, with two out in the ninth. There were two men on base when Campy lined one into the seats for a 5-3 Brooklyn victory. Not until mid-June did the other Brooks begin to relieve Campanella of his almost intolerable burden. Up to that point he had been Atlas carrying the world—the Brooklyn world, that is—on his shoulders. The other members of the cast began to hit, too. The pitching took substance with a solidity it had hitherto lacked. So Dressen's heroes won in a breeze.

Don't get the impression, though, that Campy tailed off completely once he got some help. He didn't at all. The difference was that his individual heroics weren't quite so obvious. The pennant production had ceased to be a solo. It had an Anvil Chorus added to it.

At the season's end the happiest of the Dodgers had a .312 batting average. His homer total of forty-one was a record for catchers. His runs-batted-in total of 142 was a record for the Brooks. On top of all that, he gave his usual slick job behind the plate, cajoling and guiding an unsound pitching staff into a semblance of soundness.

The comforting and reassuring part about Campy's masterful performance was the completeness of his recognition. Seventeen of the twenty-four writers named him on top. Three first-place votes went to Ed Mathews of the Braves and two to Red Schoendienst of the Cards. One each went to Duke Snider and Robin Roberts. Campy's point total was 297 to 216 for Mathews and 157 for Snider, a conclusive margin. Most valuable, indeed, was Roy Campanella.

FAMILY HELPS MOST VALUABLE PLAYER CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY.—Roy Campanella, voted as the National League's Most Valuable Player of the 1953 season, is shown with his family happily celebrating his 32nd birthday Friday, Nov. 20, at his home in St. Albans, Long Island. Campy, the Brooklyn Dodgers' record-smashing catcher, became the first backstop in history twice to win the coveted award of the Baseball Writers' association. He also was voted the most valuable player in 1951. The catcher's wife kisses him as he cuts his cake. From left to right are, Roy Jr., 5; Tony, 3, Mrs. Ruth Campanella, holding the baby girl, Depator, Big Roy and David 10.

—Photo by Sam Goldstein.

Campanella and Co. draw 107,760 on fall junket

NEW YORK — Roy Campanella's All Stars wound up their 31-day barnstorming tour in Miami last Sunday.

The tour started in Richmond, Va., October 9 and, after a plane trip to Honolulu to play three games with Eddie Lopat's team of major leaguers, the journey in this country was resumed in San Francisco on October 22. The Birmingham Barons of the Negro American League formed the nucleus of their opposition in all games except in Hawaii and on the Pacific Coast.

22,800 In Hawaii

In their first 23 post-season games, the Campanellas drew 107,760, for an average of 4,685. The three appearances in Honolulu attracted 22,800. The biggest crowd turned out at Los Angeles, October 24, when 14,058 attended a game with a team of major league stars.

After drawing 6,000 at New Orleans, November 1, the Campanellas ran into their first bad weather, forcing cancellation of a second appearance at New Orleans on November 4 and engagements in Ponchatoula and Lake Charles, La. Games were scheduled at Mobile, Ala., for November 5, and at Pensacola, Fla., November 6, before the windup at Miami.

Hoskins PendletonStar

Dave Hoskins of the Indians, who was a 22-game winner with the Dallas team in 1952, helped to draw a crowd of 2,180 at Dallas, Tex., October 29 He gave up only three hits and one unearned run while working the first five innings, but Pat Scantlebury, former Texarkana ace of the Big State League, was credited with the 2 to 1 win.

Jim Pendleton of the Braves led the Campanella attack with a home run, double and two singles, off Frank Barnes, formerly of Toronto (International), who went the route.

Bill Bruton of the Braves highlighted the 13-hit attack of the Campanellas at Little Rock, Ark., October 30, for a 9 to 4 victory, with a home run, single and triple, before 1,500.

Doby Homers

A two-run homer in the last half of the ninth by Pendleton gave Campanella's team a 4 to 3 decision at Greenwood, Miss., October 31, with 1,644 in attendance. Larry Doby of the Indians hit a 400-foot homer in the sixth. Joe Black of the Dodgers allowed only three hits while working the first seven innings, but Hoskins received credit for the victory.

Don Newcombe of the Dodgers, traveling with the Campanellas while on a furlough from the Army, blanked the Negro Americans, 1 to 0, before 6,000 at New Orleans, November 1. He scattered seven hits and fanned nine. Only one runner reached third base on him — in the eighth inning — but he bore down and whiffed the next two batters.

Bruton scored the lone run of the game in the sixth inning, when he beat out a high bounder to the box, went to third on Junior Gilliam's single and crossed the plate on Bob Boyd's infield out.

92,824 see Jackie despite weather

MEXICO CITY, Mex. Flying from Miami, Fla., after a game in that city on November 5, Jackie Robinson's team was scheduled to wind up its long tour here with contests against an aggregation of major - minor players on November 6, 7 and 8. The tourists went into Miami with a record of 24 victories, six losses and two ties over the Negro American All-Stars in their first 32 games.

Although cold weather caused smaller crowds during the latter part of the trip, all engagements except one were kept. Wet grounds at Galveston, Tex., following rains brought the only cancellation, October 31.

The total paid for the first 32 games was reported as 92,824.

ED MATHEWS SECOND—

Campanella is 'most valuable'

BY JACK HAND

NEW YORK, Nov. 20—(AP)—Roy Campanella's den in St. Alban's, N. Y., soon will have another valuable player plaque hanging on the wall.

"I got plenty of room for another one," said the stocky Brooklyn catcher yesterday, grinning for cameramen at his Harlem package store. The 1953 National League award, a decisive victory, has come as an extra present on his 32nd birthday. He also won in 1951.

"Makes a man feel pretty good," he said. "I can't ask for too much more in life, I guess. It sure was a nice birthday present."

Campanella was an overwhelming choice with 17 of the first place votes from the 24-man committee of the Baseball Writers Association of America. Each writer, three from each league city, votes for 10 men and points are awarded on a 14-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis.

The 297-point total piled up by Campanella was the highest since Stan Musial, a three-time winner, received 303 in 1948. The all-time high was Musial's 319 in 1946, only 17 short of the 336-point maximum.

Milwaukee's Eddie Mathews, league leader with 47 home runs, was a solid second with 216 points. He received three firsts but piled up points with 14 seconds.

Duke Snider, Brooklyn, center fielder, was third with 157 points and one first while St. Louis' Red Schoendiest had two firsts among his 155 points for fourth place. Warren Spahn, Milwaukee lefthanded pitching star, was fifth with 120 points and Robin Roberts, the Phillies' 23-game winning ace, had 106 points and one first.

Three men — Campanella, Mathews and Snider — were named on every ballot.

Only three players ever won the National's most valuable award more than once. Musial in 1943, 1946 and 1948, Carl Hubbell in 1933 and 1936 and Rogers Hornsby in 1925 and 1929.

Campanella wasn't aware he was in such exclusive company until a reporter told him. "That's something," he said. "Really something."

Earlier Campanella had posed for TV, movies and news pictures. He stood on about 10 cases of wine to point his finger at a picture of himself receiving the '51 plaque (Kenesaw Mountain Landis Plaque) from League President Warren Giles.

When he returned from lunch to find his store crowded with camera equipment, Roy quipped, "Look at all this crowd, and nobody is buyin'." Campanella said he thought 1953 was his best year because he had been able to play through without any serious injury. As for the future, he said he felt good as ever and hoped to catch "As long as I live."

Asked if he had any preference fo rthe new Dodger manager, Campanella said, "That's not my worry. You know, if I had to say somebody I'd say Pee Wee (Reese) but now he's out of it."

Campanella had a fine year, finishing with a .312 average and leading the league with 142 runs batted in and 41 homers, both league records for catchers. He got away fast and had driven in 53 runs and hit 17 homers by May 30.

Brooklyn dominated the voting with seven men in the first 14. Milwaukee and Philadelphia had four each, St. Louis and New York, three each, and Cincinnati and Pittsburgh, two each. Only 25 were named in contrast with 40 a year ago. Hank Sauer of Chicago, the 1952 winner, didn't receive a single vote.

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BROOKLYN'S ROY CAMPANELLA GETS NATIONAL LEAGUE MVP AWARD AS 32ND BIRTHDAY GIFT

Beaming Dodger Catcher Points to Wall Mural Showing Him Receiving Same Honor Two Years Ago

Dodgers' Campanella NL's Most Valuable

Grabs Award Twice in Three Years; Mathews Voted Into Runnerup Spot

NEW YORK, Nov. 19 (AP)—Roy Campanella, Brooklyn's chunky, veteran catcher, today was voted Most Valuable Player in the National League for the second time in three years.

When reporters finally tracked down Campenella—who was celebrating his 32nd birthday—at his Harlem liquor store, he grinned and said, "It makes a man feel pretty good. I can't ask for too much more in life, I guess."

The vote by a 24-man committee of the Baseball Writers Assn., three from each league city, was decisive. Campanella drew 17 firsts and piled up 297 points, highest point total since Stan Musial of St. Louis won with 303 in 1948.

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Campanella became the fourth man to be named most valuable in the National more than once. He had won in 1951. Musial is the only three-time winner with victories in 1943, 1946 and 1948. Carl Hubbell won in 1933 and 1936 and Rogers Hornsby in 1925 and 1929.

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Eddie Mathews, the home run hitting third baseman of the Milwaukee Braves, finished second, 81 points back at 216. The point score is figured on the basis of 10 for first place, nine for second and so on down to one for a tenth.

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Duke Snider, Brooklyn's slugging center fielder, nosed out St. Louis' Red Schoendienst for third place, 157 to 155. Warren Spahn, Milwaukee lefthanded pitcher, was fifth with 120 points and Robin Roberts, the Phillies' righthanded ace, followed with 106 points.

Mathews received three first place votes, Schoendienst two and Snider and Roberts, one each.

Brooklyn, as expected, dominated the voting, placing seven men among the first 14 on the list. The only Dodger regulars who didn't receive votes were Billy Cox and Junior Gilliam.

Only 25 players were mentioned in the voting in sharp contrast to the 1952 total of 40 players. Hank Sauer of the Chicago Cubs, last year's winner, didn't receive a single vote. Nor did Joe Black of Brooklyn, Hoyt Wilhelm of New York or Enslaughter of St. Louis, all of whom were in the top 10 last year.

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Campanella enjoyed a sensational early season. He had driven in 53 runs and hit 17 home runs by May 30. At the All-Star break in early July, he had knocked in 73 and hit 22 homers. He finished up at .312, leading the league with 42 runs batted in. He hit 25 doubles, three triples and 41 homers while playing 144 games. The runs batted in and homers were new major league records for catchers.

"I felt this was my best season," he said. "It was the first time I've been able to play all the way through with no serious injury. I feel just as good as when I came up. I get a kick out of playing. I hope I can keep on catching as long as I live."

The rest of the field was pretty well strung out behind the first six, each of whom received 100 or more points.

Ted Kluszewski, Cincinnati's first baseman, was seventh with 69 points and Musial, the three-time winner, drew only 62 points for eighth place. Two Dodgers tied for ninth, pitcher Carl Erskine and right fielder Carl Furillo, league batting champ. Then came Pee Wee Reese and Jackie Robinson of Brooklyn, Del Ennis of Philadelphia and Gil Hodges of Brooklyn in that order.

National League Players Selected Most Valuable

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	Team Finish
1931—Frank Frisch, St. Louis	1
1932—Chuck Klein, Philadelphia	4
1933—Carl Hubbell, New York	1
1934—Dizzy Dean, St. Louis	1
1935—Gabby Hartnett, Chicago	1
1936—Carl Hubbell, New York	1
1937—Joe Medwick, St. Louis	4
1938—Ernie Lombardi, Cincinnati	4
1939—Bucky Walters, Cincinnati	1
1940—Frank McCormick, Cinc'nati	1
1941—Dolph Camilli, Brooklyn	1
1942—Walker Cooper, St. Louis	1
1943—Stan Musial, St. Louis	1
1944—Marty Marion, St. Louis	1
1945—Phil Cavarretta, Chicago	1
1946—Stan Musial, St. Louis	1
1947—Bob Elliott, Boston	3
1948—Stan Musial, St. Louis	2
1949—Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn	1
1950—Jim Konstanty, Philadelphia	1
1951—Roy Campanella, Brooklyn	2
1952—Hank Sauer, Chicago	5
1953—Roy Campanella, Brooklyn	1

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MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Roy Campanella, Brooklyn Dodger catcher, who was named 1953's most valuable player in National League after batting .312, hitting forty-one homers and leading the league in runs batted in with 142, points to photo mural of same award for 1951. With Campanella in photo are Warren Giles, left, National League president, and Charlie Dressen.

DODGERS' CATCHER TOTALS 297 POINTS

Campanella Heads 17 Ballots in 1953 Landis Award Vote —Mathews 2d, Snider 3d

By LOUIS EFFRAT

Roy Campanella, who won the distinction in 1951, yesterday was named the National League's most valuable player for 1953. Seventeen of the twenty-four first-place votes went to the Brooklyn catcher, who collected 297 points.

Ed Mathews, Milwaukee's slugging third-baseman and the major league home-run king, was the runner-up, with 216 points and three firsts. Duke Snider, Campanella's team-mate, received one first and 157 points, while Al (Red) Schoendienst of the Cardinals, with two firsts and 155 points, was fourth.

The Baseball Writers' Association of America, which conducts the voting—three members from each of the eight National League cities form the committee—did not award a point to last year's winner, Hank Sauer of the Cubs. In the balloting, a first-place vote is worth 14 points. A second-place selection carries 9 points and the value decreases a point for each lower position, so that tenth-place brings 1 point.

Spahn Fifth, Roberts Sixth

Aside from the top four, only one other player received a first-place vote. Philadelphia's industrious right-hander, Robin Roberts, was tabbed once in the highest position. However, his total of 106 points was good for only sixth place behind the 120 for Warren Spahn of the Braves. Roberts was second to Sauer in last year's voting. Brooklyn's Joe Black, who was third, did not receive a point this year.

Campanella, when told he had won again, was unable to express his happiness. "What more can a man ask?" Roy said. "It was a great thrill to have won it once. I just can't tell you how I feel about winning a second time and especially on my thirty-second birthday."

The selection of Campanella was hardly a surprise. Certainly it will not provoke the controversy that followed the naming of Sauer a year ago. The Flatbush backstop, who, despite injuries, played in 144 games, batted .312, slammed forty-one homers and batted in 142 runs. Not even a sore hand, the result of having been hit by a pitched ball could keep him out of the world series.

Last year, Campanella finished tenth in the voting, with 25 points. "This was my best season," Roy declared. He has been in baseball for seventeen years, but it was not until June, 1948, that the Dodgers brought him up from St. Paul of the American Association.

No Thoughts of Retiring

Someone asked Campanella how much longer he expected to play. "I still get up in the morning anxious to play. I hope to be able to play as long as I live," he said.

The popular Negro gained the highest point-total since Stan Musial of the Cardinals won with 303 in 1948. Musial finished in eighth place this time with 62 points. Ted Kluszewski of the Redlegs was in front of The Man with 69.

In contrast to the polling of last season, when forty players received votes, only twenty-five made the list this year. There were only a few real surprises. In addition to Sauer and Black, Hoyt Wilhelm of the Giants and Enos (Country) Slaughter of the Cardinals were the only players from among last year's top ten who did not get a vote.

With this victory, Campanella became the fourth National League player to have been placed on top more than once. Rogers Hornsby in 1925 and 1929 before the current system was instituted, Carl Hubbell in 1933 and 1936 and Musial in 1943, 1946 and 1948 were the other repeaters.

The pennant-winning Dodgers dominated the voting. Seven Brooks made the list. Carl Erskine finished ninth, Carl Furillo tenth, Peewee Reese eleventh, Jackie Robinson twelfth and Gil Hodges thirteenth.

Over in the Dodgers' front office, there was great satisfaction with Campanella's selection. "Roy worked hard. He deserved it," E. J. (Buzzie) Bavasi, a Flatbush vice president, said. Campanella, whose salary with the Dodgers is approximately $25,000 a year, will receive no extra money for this latest honor. The prize is the Kenesaw Mountain Landis Memorial Trophy.

The voting, with the number of first-place votes in parentheses, follows:

	Points.
Roy Campanella, Brooklyn (17)	297
Ed Mathews, Milwaukee (3)	216
Duke Snider, Brooklyn (1)	157
Red Schoendienst, St. Louis (2)	155
Warren Spahn, Milwaukee	120
Robin Roberts, Philadelphia (1)	106
Ted Kluszewski, Cincinnati	69
Stan Musial, St. Louis	62
Carl Erskine, Brooklyn	54
Carl Furillo, Brooklyn	54
Peewee Reese, Brooklyn	27
Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn	19
Del Ennis, Philadelphia	14
Gil Hodges, Brooklyn	13
Monty Irvin, New York	11
Danny O'Connell, Pittsburgh	10
Harvey Haddix, St. Louis	9
Frank Thomas, Pittsburgh	6
Richie Ashburn, Philadelphia	5
Gus Bell, Cincinnati	3
Johnny Logan, Milwaukee	3
Ruben Gomez, New York	2
Granny Hamner, Philadelphia	2
Del Crandall, Milwaukee	1
Hank Thompson, New York	1

JUST LIKE PEEWEE

Campanella Is Surprised Over Dressen Move Too

By LARRY FOX

Roy Campanella, the mogul, as baseball entrepreneurs are known, sat on the spike-scarred players' bench of Ponce de Leon Park last night, his eyes scanning the stands from home plate out to right field.

The customers were as sparse as the hairs on his just-sprouting post-season mustache. It was early, perhaps half an hour before the Campanella All-Stars were to take the field against a team of Negro American League luminaries, but Campanella was still sad. Clouds mean money for barnstormers.

The burly catcher reported he still has not had X-rays taken of the hand he injured in the World Series. His right thumb, hit by an Allie Reynolds' fast ball in the first game, still looked puffy, but he said it didn't hurt. "Just didn't have time for an X-Ray," he reported. "We left on this trip right after the Series."

Campanella said he was quite surprised that Charley Dressen had jumped, failen or was pushed out of his managerial post. "I was really surprised, but you know baseball, you never can tell what will happen."

Next season? "I just can't see anybody beating us," he said.

As Campanella was predicting another pennant for the Dodgers, a giant in grey Brooklyn traveling flannels was warming up on the mound. He was Don Newcombe, the man who might insure that next flag.

Newcombe, on 30-day furlough from the Army, gets his discharge in February, just in time for Spring training. He looked lean and fit, reported his Army team at Brooke Medical Center in Houston had played a 150-game schedule this summer. His record was 9-3.

"I think I can step back okay," said the laconic right-hander.

BENCH BITS: Junior Gilliam, Dodgers' star rookie, reporting, "Just being up there was my big thrill. How did I feel when I hit that Series home run? I was surprised. I'm always surprised when I hit a home run." Today is **Gilliam's** 25th birthday. He looks 19. **Nat Peeples,** the Memphis native, whose contract has been assigned to Atlanta, talking about playing here next season. "I don't know if I will, but I sure wouldn't mind it." **Johnnie Johnson,** Chicago White right-hander from Stone Mountain, recalling the first professional baseball game he ever saw was in Poncey back in 19 "When I was a kid I wanted to see New Orleans, New York, Chicago and California. When that pro team asked me to come with them, I asked if they were going to all those places. They said they were, so off I went."

SURPRISED AT CHUCK
Roy Campanella

Campanella's Stars Win Here by 10-0

Roy Campanella's All-Stars defeated the Negro Major League All-Stars 10-0 last night at Parkway Field before 6,500 chilled fans.

Dave Hoskins, Cleveland Indian pitcher, limited the Major League Stars to four hits. Bob Boyd, who played with Indianapolis in the early stages of last season before he was called up by the Yankees, hit a homer with Junior Gilliam on base.

Negro Stars Play Sunday

Roy Campanella's All Stars, loaded with major league talent, play the Negro American All Stars Sunday afternoon at Miami Stadium baseball game scheduled to begin at 2.

With such luminaries as Bill Bruton, Junior Gilliam, Larry Doby, Jim Pendleton and Don Newcombe expected to be in the lineup, Campanella's Stars will be the flashiest assortment of Negro players to ever play here.

Playing for the Negro Americans will be George Handy, who played second base for the Fort Lauderdale Lions in the Florida International League.

Roy Campanella's Team Defeats AM All-Stars

BY MARCEL HOPSON

Two homeruns apiece by Milwaukee centerfielder Bill Bruton and Cleveland Indian outfielder Larry Doby enabled Brooklyn Dodger ace [illegible] to hurl Roy Campanella and his major league all-stars to an 8 to 0 shutout over the Negro American League all-stars a thriller-diller at Rickwood Field, last Thursday night.

An estimated crowd of 6,500 fans saw Black pitch sensational shutout ball, allowing the American leaguers only seven scattered singles.

Doby lifted his first circuit blow 375 feet over the right field wall in the second inning with no one aboard to break a 0-0 stalemate.

The big Cleveland Indian star who played at third for Campy's squad, belted his second homer 407 feet over the right centerfield wall with a mate aboard in the eighth frame.

Bruton, the Ensley, Ala., born Brave clouted his initial four-bagger 340 feet into the rightfield bleachers with a mate aboard in the third inning. He banged out his second four-master 350 feet inside the park in deep center in the ninth frame.

BLACK HOMERS

To put the cap on his nine strikeout pitching Black lifted a homer 360 feet into the leftfield bleachers in the seventh inning. He permitted only one NAL man to reach first on a walk.

Camp's stars shelled Negro American League pitchers Frank Barnes and Eddie Hancock for nine bingles, five of them homers. Barnes was driven to the showers in the sixth frame shortly after he struckout four major leaguers and walked none. Two of the homeruns were knocked off of him. Hancock yielded three homers, all included in six hits and permitted one walk.

Second sacker Eddie Brooks hit a pair of singles off Black and the remaining base knocks were contributed individually by first sacker Wesley (Doc) Dennis, catchers Otha Bailey and Lloyd (Pepper) Bassett and Eddie Reed.

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Batteries: Black and Campanella; Barnes, Hancock and Bailey and Bassett.

Attendance: estimated 6,500 fans. Game time; 2 hrs. Umpires: James V. Tyus plate; Parker (Chest) Austin, first; Poindexter (P.D.) Williams, third. Weather: Fair.

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CAMPY SWINGS A MIGHTY BAT

The mighty Roy Campanella, fire-pluggish backstop for the Brooklyn Dodgers, towers sky high in the National League because of his tremendous feats with his powerful bat.

The chunky, tobacco-chewing, affable catcher has made them tear up the record books for top hitting catchers this season. Campy has erased records made years ago by such great catchers as Gabby Hartntt and Bill Dickey.

He is well on his way to capturing the Most Valuable Player selection for 1953. He has emerged as one of the finst catchers in organized baseball.

Yep, Campy has achieved greatness in this organized game which denied him the right to enter the playing gate until 1947.

In seven short seasons Campy and other players of his race have turned in outstanding major league records. They have given the national pastime something inspiring, something exciting, something worthy of note.

It is not in the spirit of bragging that Negro sports writers frequently recall the accomplishments of colored players in major and minor league baseball. It's pride, racial pride, that motivates the scribes to shout the praise of these athletes who for many years were denied the opportunity even to tryout for a playing position.

It is the desire to inspire these men and to encourage the youth that tales of colored athletes are told and retold.

INSPIRATION TO NEGRO YOUTH

Every time Campanella slams a homer out of the park, some little Negro boy is inspired to greater effort. Every time Roy displays examples of good sportsmanship, some colored boy gets a clearer understanding of why a bad actor can't succeed.

Reports of his good nature, keen team spirit, success in overcoming odds, ability under fire, are examples of traits of character and conduct that ev[illegible] aspiring Negro boy must try to acquire if he would reach the heights Campanella has reached.

For years the names of Gabby Hartnett and Bill Dickey were like magic in inspiring little white boys to greater effort. They often dreamed about these heroes and tried to emulate them in their sandlot play.

During the prime of these heroes, little colored boys had no stars they could pattern their playing life after. And so baseball to them was just a game with little future in it.

Then along about 1920, Negro league baseball came into existence. While this organization widened no horizon for the colored players it did provide them with the best organized means of competing in the game.

It was in this type of baseball set-up that Roy Campanella was prepared for his present position. Although Campy reportedly has spoken some caustic remarks in the past about the playing conditions under which he worked in the Negro league, nevertheless it was here that he received his basic training in baseball.

ALL INDEBTED TO NEGRO GAME

Every top Negro player in the major leagues today is indebted in some degree to Negro League baseball. All the greats once rode the buses and played the grueling schedule Campy once complaind about so causticly.

Satchel Paige, Jackie Robinson, Larry Doby, Luke Easter, Junior Gilliam, Hank Thompson, Monte Irvin, Minnie Minoso, Roy Campanella—all tan stars of today, once rolled over the country in Negro League buses.

If they were hurt by this experience, the only one possible for them in those days, their present play in the Major Leagues does not show it.

In fact it would appear that it did them good. A case in point is Jackie Robinson, probably one of the greatest competitors ever to play the majors.

Jackie went from the Kansas City Monarch's shortstop position to the Montreal Royals of the International League in 1946 and immediately begin to set the loop on fire. He greatly excelled many of his white teammates who had had several years of training under minor league experts.

In 1947, Jackie came up to the Brooklyn Dodgers and almost at once established himself as an outstanding player and rookie of the year.

All of which is meant to point up that the great Campanella and the other outstanding colored stars got that way because of a means—Negro League baseball—which the majority of colored kids will have to utilize if they want to get the fundamental training which they will need. There is no other way out for most of them.

What Campanella has accomplished with his mighty bat this season is now possible for some future Campy to achieve. Roy by his prodigious feats is helping to make possible the opportunity.

So one of the reasons Negro sports writers laud so extravagantly the feats of Campy and other baseball heroes is that they hope to inspire with their hymns of praise.

Dodgers and Cardinals Dominate 1953 Major League All-Star Team

Snider, Furillo and Campanella of Brooklyn Selected on Associated Press Squad—Rizzuto Is Only Yankee Chosen

Four Holdovers on Team

Brooklyn's National League champions and St. Louis' third-place Cardinals dominated the 1953 Associated Press major league All-Star team, capturing half of the ten positions.

Seven of the sixteen big-league clubs, four in the National, were named yesterday to the AP's eighth annual All-Star squad, selected by 179 members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. The National League had seven players, only three for the American.

The Dodgers and Cardinals were the only clubs with more than one representative. The world champion Yankees had only one member on the All-Star team—Shortstop Phil Rizzuto. Little Phil barely squeezed in by a two-vote margin over Brooklyn's Pee Wee Reese.

One Indian Selected

Other clubs with single representatives include the Senators, Indians, Braves and the Phillies.

The All-Star team (batting averages or pitching records in parentheses):

First Base—Mickey Vernon, Senators (.337).

Second Base — Red Schoendienst, Cardinals (.342).

Third Base — Al Rosen, Indians (.336).

Shortstop—Phil Rizzuto, Yankees (.274).

Left Field—Stan Musial, Cardinals (.337).

Center Field—Duke Snider, Dodgers (.336).

Right Field—Carl Furillo, Dodgers (.344).

Catcher—Roy Campanella, Dodgers (.312).

Right-handed Pitcher—Robin Roberts, Phillies (23-16).

Left-handed Pitcher—WarrenSpahn, Braves (23-7).

Four Holdovers on Team

The holdovers from the 1952 team were Roberts, Musial, Rosen and Rizzuto. Musial made the team for the seventh time, missing only once since the poll was inaugurated in 1946.

The biggest vote-getter on the squad was Campanella, Brooklyn's iron-man receiver. The slugger commanded all but five of the votes cast. Yogi Berra of the Yanks got the other votes.

The vote tabulation:

FIRST BASE—Vernon, Senators, 73; Hodges, Dodgers, 57; Kluszewski, Redlegs, and Fain, Athletics, 3 each; Robinson, Dodgers, and Lockman, Giants, 1 each.

SECOND BASE—Schoendienst, Cardinals, 163; Goodman, Red Sox, 6; Fox, White Sox, 3; Martin, Yankees 2; Hamner, Phillies, and Gilliam, Dodgers, 1 each.

THIRD BASE—Rosen, Indians, 116; Matthews, Braves, 59; Kell, Red Sox, 3; Cox, Dodgers, 1.

SHORTSTOP—Rizzuto, Yankees, 60; Reese, Dodgers, 58; Kuenn, Tigers, 34; Carrasquel, White Sox, 13; Dark, Giants, 6; Strickland, Indians, and Rosen, Indians, and Logan, Braves, 2 each; Hamner, Phillies, and McMillan, Redlegs, 1 each.

OUTFIELD—Musial, Cardinals, 142; Snider, Dodgers, 141; Furillo, Dodgers, 93; Mantle, Yankees, 29; Minoso, White Sox, 28; Williams, Red Sox, 23; Bauer, Yankees, 19; Piersall, Red Sox, 12; Ashburn, Phillies, 10; Robinson, Dodgers, 9; Woodling, Yankees, 7; Irvin, Giants, 6; Mathews, Braves, 4; Zernial, Athletics, 3; Doby, Indians, and Bell, Redlegs, and Busby, Senators, 2 each; Kiner, Cubs; Pafko, Braves; Mueller, Giants; Delsing, Tigers, and Goodman, Red Sox, 1 each.

CATCHER—Campanella, Dodgers, 174; Berra, Yankees, 5.

PITCHER (right-handed)—Roberts, Phillies, 132; Porterfield, Senators, 30; Erskine, Dodgers, 5; Lemon, Indians, and Trucks, White Sox, 4 each; Reynolds, Yankees, 2; Wynn, Indians, and Garcia, Indians, 1 each.

PITCHER (left-handed)—Spahn, Braves, 116; Pierce, White Sox, 40; Parnell, Red Sox, 11; Ford, Yankees, and Lopat, Yankees, 6 each.

First Negro Gets Call from Cubs

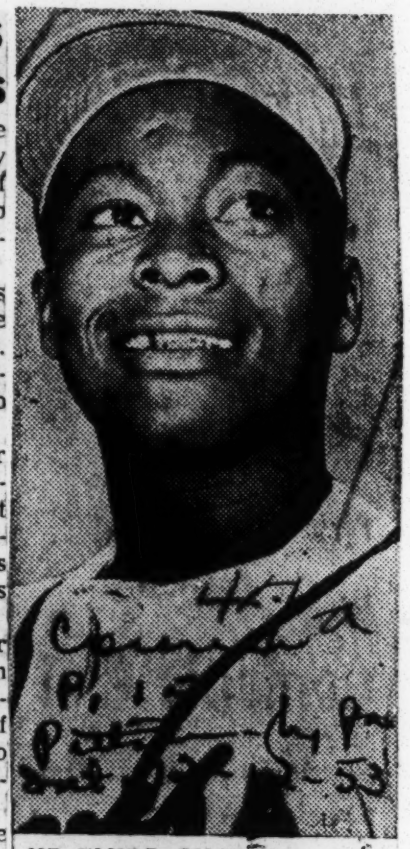
NEW YORK, Aug. 31 (AP) — The Chicago Cubs announced Monday they had acquired the contracts of star shortstop Gen Baker and two other players from their Los Angeles farm club.

The trio will report to the Cubs immediately after the close of the Pacific Coast League season Sept. 13. The other two players are pitcher Bill Moisan and outfielder Bob Talbot.

Baker will be the first Negro ever to play for the Cubs. Rated the outstanding PCL shortstop for the last two years, the 28-year-old Davenport, Iowa, infielder currently is hitting .287. He has 18 home runs and 88 runs batted in.

Moisan is a righthanded hurler from Newton, N. J. He has won 10 and lost seven this year, compiling an earned run average of 2.71. The Los Angeles Club also used him frequently as a pinch-hitter.

Talbot is hitting .285 and as the Angels' leadoff batter knocked in 61 runs. He is from Visalia, Calif.



UP THIRD TIME—Luis Marquez, ex-Homestead Grays' ace who has twice failed to click in the major leagues, gets a third chance to make the grade. The Chicago Cubs have drafted the speedy little Puerto Rican.

Back Injury Hits Cubs' Negro Rookie

CHICAGO, Sept. 9 (AP)—The Chicago Cubs have received word that Gene Baker, 28-year-old Negro shortstop purchased from Los Angeles of the Pacific Coast League Sept. 1, has injured his back and may be sidelined for as many as 10 days.

Wid Matthews, the Cubs' director of player personnel said Stan Hack, Los Angeles manager, advised him that Baker hurt his back swinging at a pitch in the Los Angeles-Oakland game at Oakland last Sunday.

X-rays of the injury were taken immediately, and proved negative.

Baker is due to report to the club next Monday after Los Angeles finishes its 1953 coast league schedule in San Francisco Sunday. Matthews said he had instructed Hack to send Baker to Chicago as scheuled in spite of the injury.

NEW INDIAN SPEEDBOY: Al Smith, Tribe leadoff man, scores in third inning yesterday, when Phil Rizzuto's fielders' choice throw to Yogi Berra is not in time. Ump is Ed Hurley. United Press Photo.

Associated Press Wirephoto

POWER-PACKERS—ST. LOUIS, May 10—All smiles are Cleveland Indians whose three late home runs enabled Indians to bash St. Louis Browns, 12-3, Sunday. They are (L-R) Ray Boone, Dave Hoskins, Al Rosen.

Cleveland Still Set On Hoskins

(Special to the Courier)

CHICAGO — Although Dave Hoskins ran into nothing but a heavy barrage in his first starting assignment for the Cleveland Indians, he still figures largely in the plans of Al Lopez.

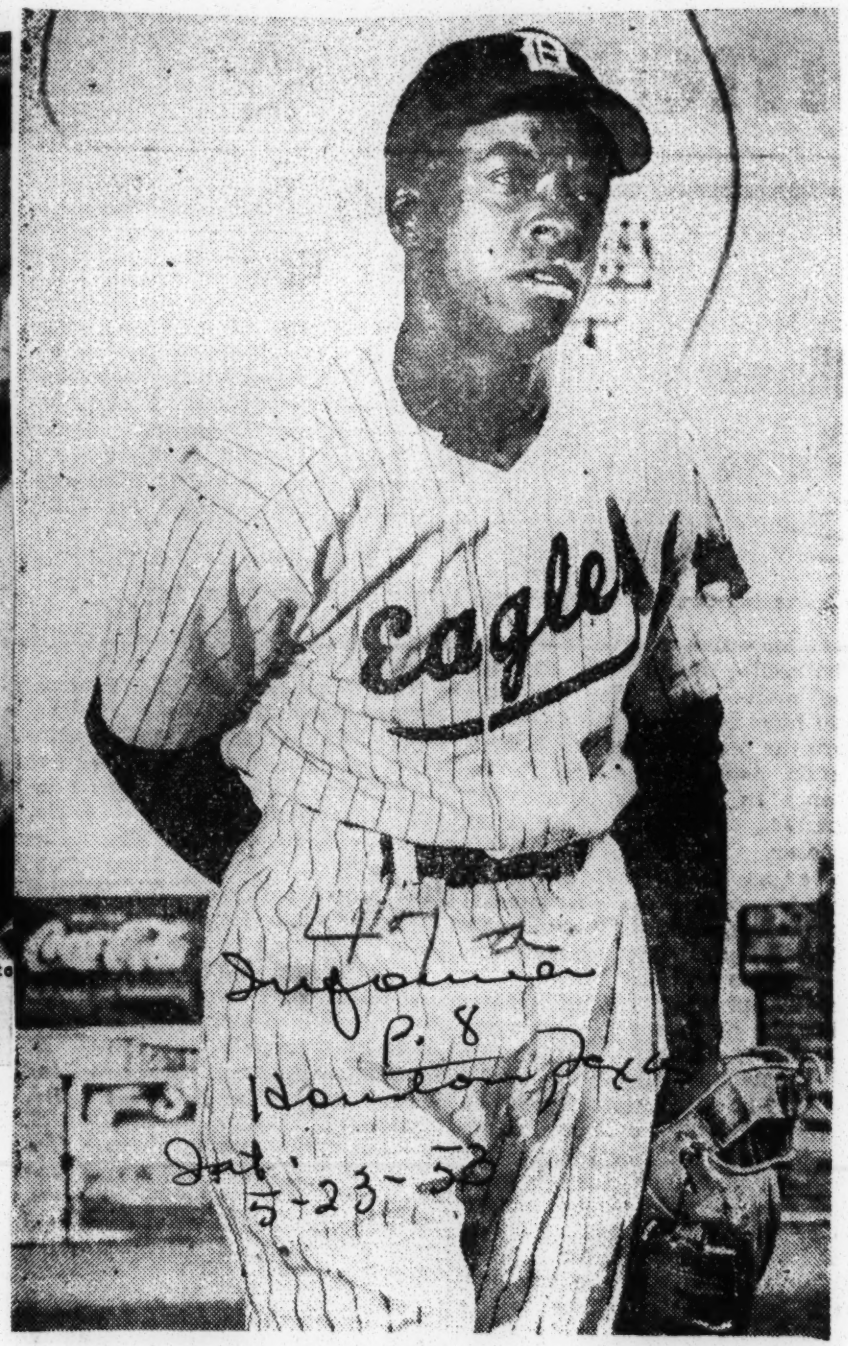
After several relief jobs that had considerable merit, Lopez finally started him on the night of May 27, at St. Louis. Hoskins lasted until the fifth inning when he filled the bases on walks and then yielded a home run to veteran Bob Elliott. The Indians lost finally and so did Hoskins, his first major league defeat.

"I just couldn't throw that curve ball where I wanted to," said dapper Dave. When Hoskins can't throw his curve ball right, he's in trouble.

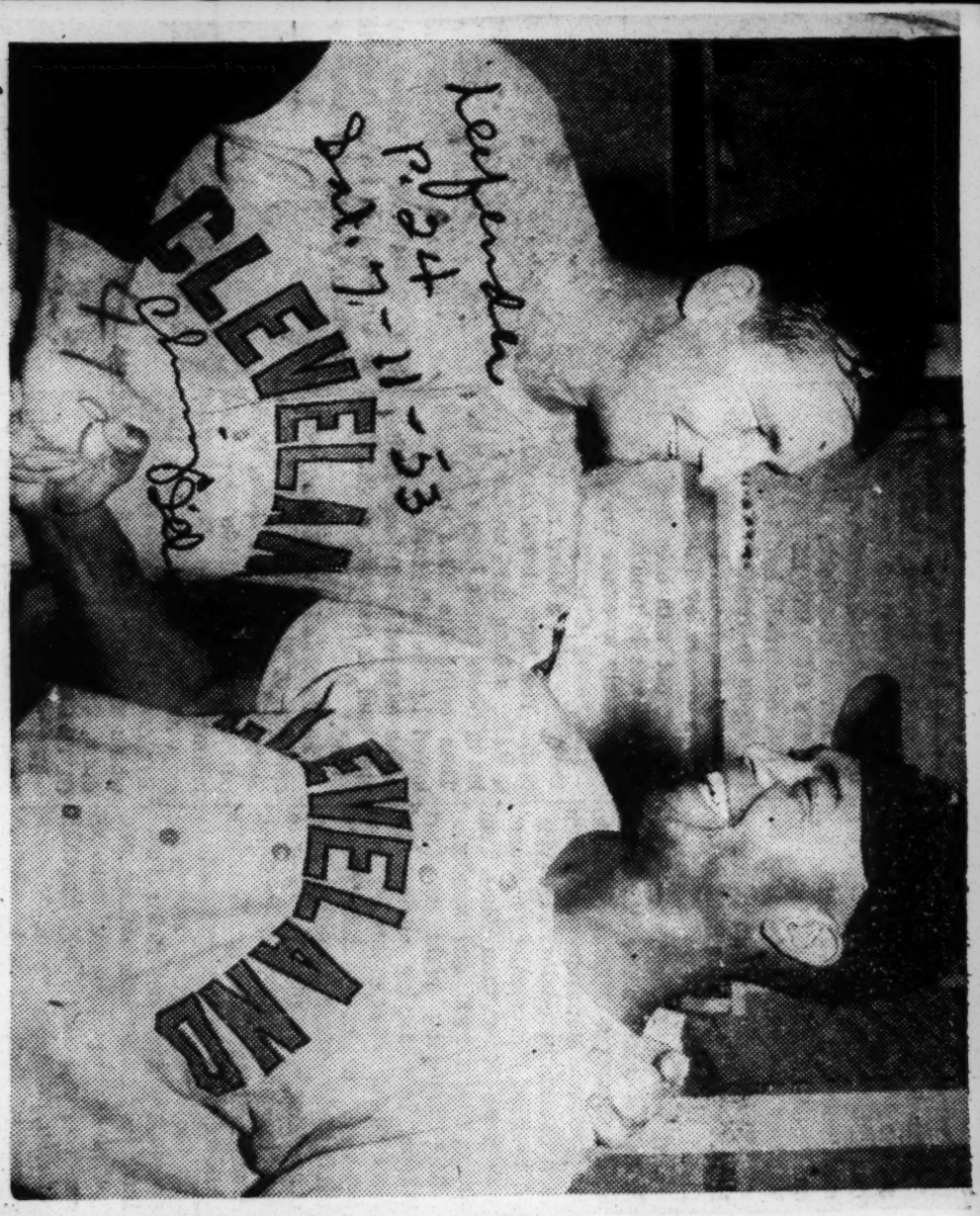
Lopez says that Hoskins will return to the bull-pen for the time being and also act as a pitch hitter. He was disappointed in the results of Dave's first start, for it was believed Hoskins might have moved ahead of Bob Feller in the starting line had he come up with a good performance.

Hoskins hasn't batted often enough for it to count among the regulars, but his average of .455 is the best on the team. He has five hits, including two doubles and a home run.

He could hang around if he did nothing more than pinch hit.



WINS FIRST MAJOR LEAGUE GAMES.—Dave Hoskins who set the Texas League on its ear last year with a 22 won, 10 lost record is finding his way in the major league all right also. Dave up to now has turned in a brilliant relief job plus his first major league win for the Cleveland Indians. Manager Al Lopez has indicated that he plans to use Hoskins in relief roles for the present. The newcomer may be Cleveland's best right handed reliefer since Satchel Paige.



WINNING WAY — Pitcher Bob Lemon, (left) of the Cleveland Indians and teammate Larry Doby meet happily in their dressing room at Yankee Stadium after figuring as big guns in their team's 7-2 win over the Yankees, June 26. Lemon was winning pitcher as the league leaders were handed their fifth straight loss, and Doby hit two homers in the night game. (United Press Photo).

INJUN TROUBLE FOR RIVALS?

Four members of the Cleveland Indians (left to right), Mike Garcia, Al Rosen, Larry Doby, and Bob Lemon, have been named to the American league All-Star team and are expected to be in action against the National league stars in Cincinnati Tuesday. [TRIBUNE Photo]

Negro Baseball Stars Are Barred By Miss. Official

GREENVILLE, Miss. — (SNS) — A meeting of the Cotton States League board of directors has been set for April 6 to prevent Hot Springs from playing James and Leander Tugerson, two pitchers who played with the Indianapolis Clowns of the Negro National League, from competing in the loop.

The meeting was scheduled following an announcement from Mississippi Attorney General J. P. Coleman that under state law Negroes cannot play with whites in the Magnolia state.

The attorney general called attention to a ruling he issued several months ago regarding boxing featuring white and Negro matches at Pascagoula.

"I ruled then that state law prohibits athletic contests involving players of opposite races," he said. "That ruling still holds and applies to baseball."

The ruling, Coleman said, would prevent the players from performing at Jackson, Natchez, Meridian and Greenville. The league operates elsewhere in Arkansas and Louisiana.

Coleman said he made the ruling regarding mixed athletic competition in response to a query from Eaton King, Pascagoula publisher. It was issued on Jan. 27.

The statement read in part: "There is no statute of Mississippi which expressly prohibits the kind of exhibition about which you have written but at the same time I am sure that the exhibition would violate the public policy of this state."

Sergegation of the races is requested by the state constitution adopted in 1890.

The Greenville meeting was called at the request of President Al Haraway of Helenza, Ar., to consider a change in the ownership of the Hot Springs Club.

Haraway said also "we definitely will discuss the Negro question."

H. M. Britt and Lewis Goltz, who own the controlling franchise, signed the Negro players last week.

Haraway said "something may develop from the provisions of the league constitution" at the directors meeting in Greenville, Miss., Monday. A majority of league directors may approve a change in ownership of any team.

Negro Player Files $50,000 Suit Against Cotton States Loop

All-Star Contest Postponed By Rain

By UNITED PRESS

Rain and a $50,000 lawsuit hit the Cotton States League Monday.

Answers to both were expected Tuesday in Hot Springs. The rain postponed until Tuesday night the sixth annual All-Star game.

And League President Al Haraway readied Tuesday to answer the lawsuit filed against the circuit by Jim Tugerson, the Negro who caused an uproar with his attempts to pitch for Hot Springs.

Tugerson, now playing for Knoxville in the Mountain State League, charged in the $50,000 suit he wasn't allowed to play in the Cotton States League because of his color.

Hot Springs hired Tugerson and a brother, Leander, before the season started and the Bathers were ousted from the league for their action. Minor League President George Trautman ordered Hot Springs reinstated.

The Bathers farmed out the Tugerson brothers the day before the season opened to keep harmony in the Class C league but faltering attendance prompted a recall a month later.

PRAISE is due the owners of the Hot Springs Club of the Cotton States League for refusing to release two Negro pitchers even when threatened with being dropped. Which it finally was. One of these days soon there will be Negroes playing throughout this hush league.

Hot Springs Determined To Use Negro Players In Home Games In Cotton States

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. (AP) — Two Negro brothers, first of their race to sign in the class C Cotton States League, will be given an opportunity to play baseball, at least in Hot Springs.

Pitchers Jim and Leander Tugerson of Florence Ville, Fla., were unanimously endorsed here last night by the board of directors of the Hot Springs Bathers.

Signing of the Tugersons stirred up a controversy in the eight club loop, covering Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana.

League president Al Haraway has called a meeting of circuit directors at Greenville, Miss., Monday to consider the new ownership of the Bathers and "any other matters which are brought up." Haraway has said the question of Negroes playing in the league will be discussed.

In giving blanket approval to signing of the two Negroes, the Hot Springs board said, in effect, they would be given a "chance to make the team."

Acting club president Lewis Goltz said, "We don't want to disorganize the league in any way by playing the Negroes, but we think these boys deserve a chance."

The board said the Bathers — who have no major league affiliation—hope to include the Negroes on the traveling squad, but will play them only in Hot Springs if the rest of the league cities object to their playing away from home.

Mississippi attorney general J. P. Coleman said previously that "public policy" prohibits Negroes from playing with whites in that state. Mississippi has four clubs in the circuit.

Willis Hudlin, former Cleveland pitcher and present owner of the Jackson, Miss., team, has said he didn't think the league was ready for Negroes.

The Tugerson brothers, both righthanders, say they only want to prove their ability as ballplayers, adding that "we came to play ball and we intend to stick it out."

They played on the Indianapolis Clowns of the Negro American League last year, Jim winning 14 and losing 2; Leander, 7 and 3. Jim had a tryout with the Brooklyn Dodgers last year and Leander went to spring training in 1952 with the Chicago White Sox.

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Rules Negro Player's Rights Not Violated

Hot Springs, Ark.—United States District Judge John Miller last Friday threw out a Negro pitcher's claim that his civil rights were violated when the Cotton States league refused to allow him to play with the Hot Springs Baseball club.

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Our Opinions

Lily-White Baseball

Last week the Class C Cotton States baseball league voted disapproval of the Hot Springs Bathers acquisition of two Negro players, Jim and Leader Turgerson, both pitchers.

This meant that none of the teams in the league would play the Bathers if they used the Negro players. This undemocratic and unsportsmanlike action came largely as a result of an opinion given by Mississippi's Attorney General, J. P. Coleman.

Coleman said it is against public policy in his state for Negro and whites to participate in the same sports event. The league's officials were not bound to abide by this decision.

This action makes Mississippi the nation's lone holdout from mixed baseball. There are, of course, a number of cities that ban interracial sports. Among these is Memphis that barred Minoso of the Chicago White Sox. However, other Tennessee cities, Chattanooga, for example allowed him to play with whites.

Every Southern state except the stubborn magnolia state has allowed Negroes and whites to play in the same game.

This tenacious clinging to outmoded social customs leads one to wonder why the state's baseball moguls are so adamant in their stand. Certainly they must realize that they are not slowing down the democratic progress being made in the field of professional sports by this nonsensical foot dragging.

The poor saps must not realize they are paying heavily by holding out. Everywhere the game has been thrown open, the receipts have increased. If they're making so much money they can afford to shun a step that would put more shekels in their tills then they're bigger fools than we ever imagined.

Since ostensibly they're in business to make money and refuse to take advantage of an opportunity to make it, then their motives must be sought elsewhere.

We think cowardice motivated their action last week. They're afraid that a Negro striking out a white batter would deflate their ego and blast their propaganda that a white man is superior to all other races simply by being white.

Actually there's not a white man in Mississippi who would not rather see the Dodgers play even with Campanella and Robinson on the team than sit through a second rate performance by a bush league all white nine.

COTTON STATES VOTE IN NEGRO RULING VETOED

Ban on Hot Springs Not Valid: Trautman

Columbus, O., April 15 (AP)—George M. Trautman, president of the National Association of Professional Baseball leagues today ruled forfeiture of the Hot Springs, Ark., franchise by the Cotton States league was not valid.

Trautman also ruled "the employment of Negro players has never been, nor is now, prohibited by any provision in the major-minor league agreement, the major-minor league rules or the National Association agreement.

Signed as Free Agents

"Whether a national association club chooses to employ a player of any race or creed is a decision for the club itself to make."

The franchise of the Hot Springs club was declared forfeit April 6 on a 5 to 0 vote by league members, after the Class C team had hired two Negro brothers, Pitchers Jim and Leander Tugerson of Florence Villa, Fla. They were signed as free agents, having played previously with the Indianapolis Clowns of the Negro American league.

The Hot Springs club had offered a compromise, promising to use the two players only at home, or in other parks where the home club approved.

Appealed League Verdict

Hot Springs appealed the loss of its franchise to Trautman, and he said today:

"The decision is made because the Hot Springs club has not withdrawn its appeal, notwithstanding the fact I have been informed, following a meeting of the Cotton States league on April 14, that the league will open its 1953 season on April 24 with eight clubs, including Hot Springs."

"A question has arisen," Trautman said, "as to whether the Hot Springs club is in violation of a National Association rule with respect to prompt filing of all contracts, insofar as concerns the contracts of the two players whose signing created this controversy.

Awaits League Action

"Under the rules the Cotton States league has a right to appeal from this decision to the executive committee provided prompt notification of such appeal is given this office. Should it be the decision of the league directors to exercise the appeal right, I shall direct the Hot Springs club to withhold from participation in league games the two players in question, pending a decision on the appeal."

With Hot Springs in the league are El Dorado and Pine Bluff, Ark.; Monroe, La., and Natchez, Jackson, Meridian and Greenville, Miss.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

All Quiet in Cotton States Loop
Hot Springs Options Negroes

Condensed From Wire Services

The Hot Springs Bathers took the easy way out Monday in their controversial Negro player issue with the Cotton States League and optioned their brother act to Knoxville on 24-hour recall basis.

The Bathers sent Jim and Leander Tugerson, brothers who were signed as pitching prospects, to the Class D club "rather than risk breaking up the league." The Tugersons had created a turmoil when they signed with the Bathers and the league even voted to oust the Bathers before George M. Trautman, president of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, intervened.

Ratings released by the National Boxing Association rank **Ezzard Charles** as the No. 2 heavy-

Eddie Erdelatz Ezzard Charles Adolph Rupp

weight championship contender, right behind **Joe Walcott.** This probably came as a surprise to **Roland LaStarza,** who two months ago beat **Rex Layne** in a fight which supposedly lined up the contender to meet the winner of the **Walcott-Rocky Marciano** bout May 15. . . . Fort Worth Cat hurler **Bill Glane** will remain with the club, president **Spencer Harris** says, in spite of his differences with field manager **Max Macon.** Glane is presently under suspension. . . . A severe head injury has eliminated Calumet Farm's Breeze By from the forthcoming Kentucky Derby. Breeze By was injured in the Ben Ali Handicap at Keeneland Saturday when he fell.

Manager **Willie Ketchum** refuses to present lightweight champion **Jimmy Carter** at the Massachusetts Boxing Commission's office for a special weigh-in Tuesday. . . . A bill to make sports bribery illegal in Missouri went to the governor Monday. . . . Sale of more season tickets than at any time in the past five years was announced by the Milwaukee Braves' front office.

In Lexington, Ky., the Fayette County Bar Association's Committee on Unethical Practice will begin an inquiry into the filing of a suit in which Kentucky's basketball coach **Adolph Rupp** was a co-defendant. . . . The Chicago White Sox asked American League headquarters to place **Eddie Stewart,** 36-year-old outfielder, on the disabled list. Stewart recently underwent an appendectomy. . . . Cold weather failed to prevent 15,386 patrons from attending the start of Chicago's 174-day horse racing season. . . . **Eddie Erdelatz,** head football coach at Annapolis, has been named to the '53 All-Star staff for the 20th annual game at Soldier Field Aug. 14. Georgia Tech's **Bobby Dodd** has also been chosen for the second straight year.

Jersey Joe Walcott will start gym work Tuesday and resume boxing Wednesday for his bout with champ **Rocky Marciano.** . . . Six consecutive bowling games of 170 gave **Wally Dubbs** of Winona, Minn., a "double triplicate" in the Minnesota State bowling tourney Sunday. . . . Lap prizes in the Indianapolis Motor Speedway have been increased $50 in addition to the guaranteed purse of $75,000 plus for the winner. . . . Keeneland opens its last week of spring racing Tuesday with a seven-event card that features a six and one-half furlong sprint for maiden three-year-olds.

Twenty of the nation's top golfers went over the Desert Inn Country Club course in Las Vegas, Nev., Monday, sharpening up for the first annual $35,000 Tournament of Champions which starts Thursday. . . . The women's International Bowling Congress opened its '53 convention in Detroit with a record delegation of nearly 800 women. . . . The successful combination of jockey **Eric Guerin,** owner **Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt** and trainer **W. C. (Bill) Winfrey** was triumphant again when **Sitting Duck** won the 44th Rosedale Stakes, a $10,000-added five furlong sprint for two-year-old fillies.

Powers-that-be ruled last week that **Hot Springs** with its two Negro players can remain in the Class C Cotton States League . . . Nearly 6,000 fans (a record) were on hand in Savannah, Ga., as Jacksonville, with three Negro players, and Savannah, with two colored diamond men, ushered in the South Atlantic Baseball League season . . . Dr. Henry B. Butler, formerly of Atlanta, has been appointed to the active staff of Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles.

KEY FIGURE in the Cotton States League controversy over Negro players is Jim Turgerson (left) shown here with his brother Leander. Turgerson yesterday was returned by Hot Springs to Knoxville of the Mountain States League after the Bathers were forced to forfeit a game Wednesday night following a ruling by president of the loop, Al Haraway. Jim was scheduled to pitch the game. —NEA Telephoto

LOOP'S NEGRO BAN DECLARED ILLEGAL

Cotton States League Action Nullified by Trautman—Forfeit to Be Replayed

COLUMBUS, Ohio, June 6 (UP)—George M. Trautman, president of the minor baseball leagues, ruled today that the Cotton States League illegally entered an agreement banning the use of Negro players.

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The agreement was arranged after the league, on April 6, declared the Hot Springs franchise forfeited. Hot Springs appealed the action to Trautman, who soon afterward declared it illegal on the ground that Negro players could be used.

Under the league agreement Hot Springs was to dispose of the two Negroes within a week, and "no more Negro players will be signed this season unless some other club signs some."

Hot Springs then optionally assigned the two contracts to Knoxville of the Mountain States League, but James Tugerson was recalled on May 18 for use in the May 20 game against Jackson. The game was forfeited to Jackson by the umpires on order of the league president.

Intra-League Plea Rejected

In defending its action the league contended Trautman had no jurisdiction because "this was strictly an intra-league matter entered into voluntarily by the Hot Springs club and the league directors." The minor leagues president rejected the "intra-league" claim.

"All I need do as to this assertion is repeat that no provision of the major-minor league agreement, the major-minor league rules or the national association agreement prohibits the employment by any club which chooses to do so of any individual, regardless of race, color or creed," he said.

"Any such agreement, whether entered into openly or covertly, voluntarily or involuntarily, is by its very nature unenforceable within the league concerned and, since it is also at war with the concept that the national pastime offers equal opportunity of employment to all, is clearly not of an intra-league character."

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Federal Judge Says Right To Play Baseball Not A Right Guaranteed By Constitution Of United States

Negro Pitcher's Suit Against Cotton States League Is Dismissed

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Sept. 11—(DSN)—The right of a Negro to play baseball without being discriminated against because of his race is not a right guaranteed under the Constitution of the United States.

This was the decision reached by U. S. District Judge John Miller here Thursday in dismissing the $50,000 damage suit filed by Jim Tugerson, Negro pitcher against the Cotton States League for refusing him the right to play with the Hot Springs Bathers during the 1953 season.

Since the rights he claimed were not guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States the judge reached the final conclusion in his 25-page written opinion in the case that there was no violation of Tugerson's Civil Rights.

Tugerson, a Florence Villa, Fla., nurse, who set one of organized baseball's best won-lost records with Knoxville of the Smoky Mountain League this year, has sued the League, all eight clubs in the League, Loop President Al Haraway and four individual officials of Mississippi clubs.

In addition to claiming violation of his civil rights, Tugerson asserted that the League's action in ordering all games in which he appeared on the Hot Springs roster forfeited to Hot Springs' opponent, had forced the club to abrogate its contract with him.

Miller withheld a decision on whether the league's action had forced violation of the contract. He said he first must determine whether he has jurisdiction in that phase of the case.

To determine jurisdiction the judge must decide whether the Mississippi clubs and the league are doing business in Arkansas.

Haraway, who ordered the May 20 forfeit of Hot Springs' scheduled game to Jackson, Miss., when Tugerson appeared on the Bathers roster, said after the ruling that "it is very gratifying that the courts have found there was no violation of Tugerson's civil rights."

In addition to Haraway, the league and the league teams as individual organizations, Tugerson named as defendants Tom Glennon and John Junkin of Natchez, Miss., and C. B. Rawlings of Meridian, Miss. All are officials of league teams in those cities.

Tugerson and his brother, Leander, former stars for Indianapolis of the Negro American League, were signed by Hot Springs early last spring.

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The agrement involved League approval of a transfer of stock of the Hot Springs club to its present owners.

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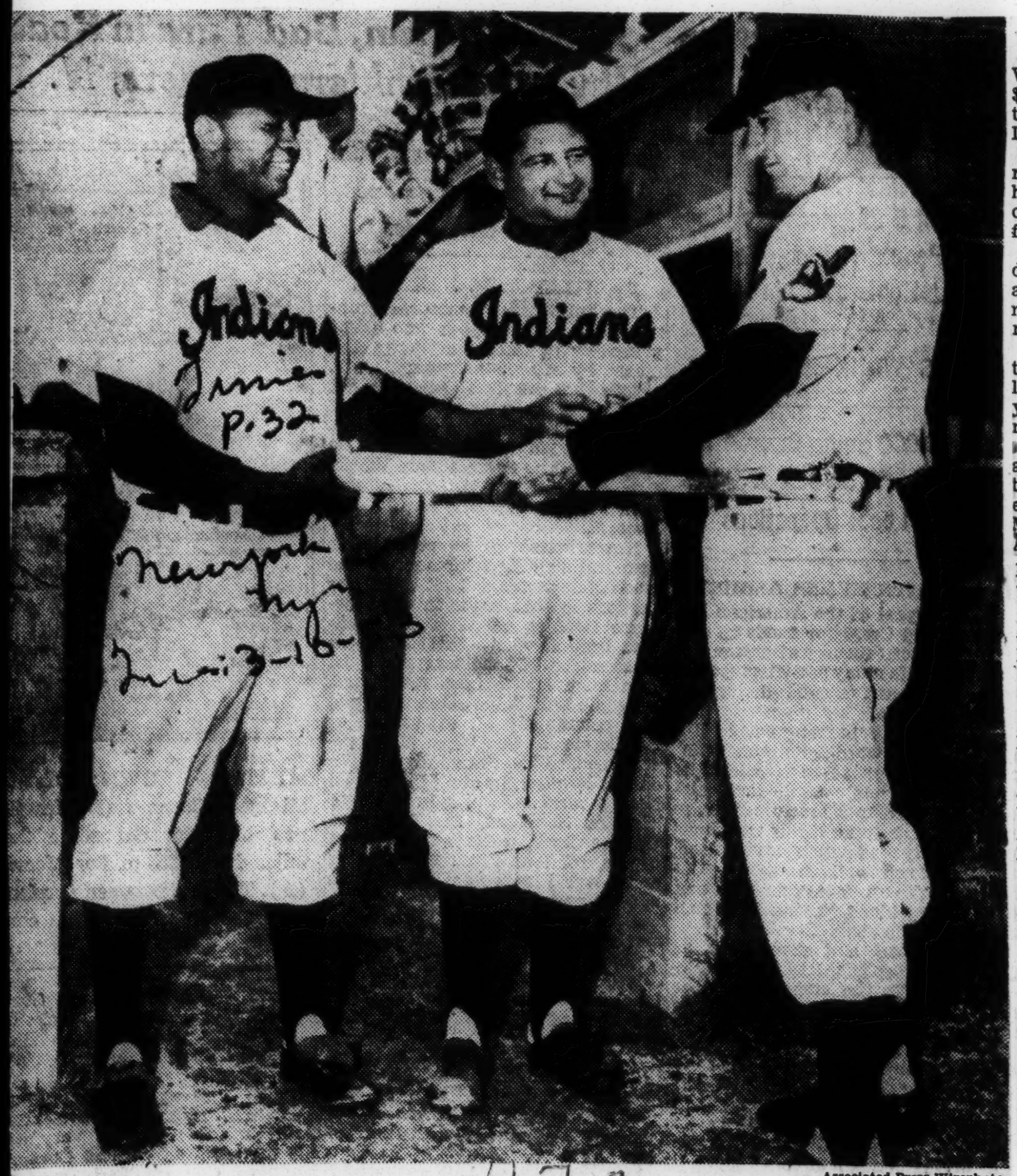

Associated Press Wirephoto

SPECIALISTS' TOOLS: Manager Al Lopez of Cleveland presents a bat to Larry Doby, left, slugging outfielder, and a ball to Early Wynn as they report after signing at Tucson, Ariz.

Doby and Wynn Accept Contracts; Avila Only Indian Star Unsigned

Outfielder and Pitcher Seen Getting Rises of $5,000 Each—Doctor Sees Early Cure for Ailing Back of Athletics' Shantz

TUCSON, Ariz., March 9 (AP)—Outfielder Larry Doby and Pitcher Early Wynn ended holdouts today, accepting 1953 Indian contracts that increased their salaries around $5,000 each.

Both players declared their earnings this season would be the highest in their baseball careers.

Wynn signed first, for an estimated $37,000. The right-hander won twenty-three and lost twelve last year to rank as runner-up in victories to Philadelphia's Bobby Shantz.

Wynn Pleased With Terms

"I did all right by myself," said Wynn, who had been seeking $42,000—about $3,000 under what the Tribe will pay Pitcher Bob Lemon this year.

Doby, American League home-run leader with thirty-two, said he was "well satisfied" with his conrtact, which is believed to be for $28,000.

Only Second Baseman Bob Avila, due here tomorrow, two weeks after training-camp opening, remains unsigned among the Tribe regulars.

Although the Indians' home attendance dropped below 1,500,000 last year for the first time in six years, the player payroll for 1953 reportedly is around $600,000.

Eight players will account for about $250,000 of this. In order, the top-salaried Indians are Pitchers Lemon, Bob Feller, Wynn and Mike Garcia; Doby, Third Baseman Al Rosen, First Baseman Luke Easter, and Avila, who is expected to sign for around $20,000.

HAVANA, March 9 (AP)—Dr. Illarion Gopadse, team physician for the Athletics, said today that Bobby Shantz' ailing back could be cured in a hurry once the club gets back to West Palm Beach, Fla.

The A's are in Havana for successive night games with the Pirates.

Dr. Gopadse,s diagnosis was a relief to Manager Jimmy Dykes, who expressed deep concern after Shantz walked off the mound yesterday in a game against the Senators announcing, "I can't throw."

Sipple Signs with Pirates

PITTSBURGH, March 9 (UP)—The Pirates announced today that Pitcher Charlie Sipple had agreed to terms and would leave his Macadoo, Pa., home "immediately" for the Pirates' Havana training camp.

Sipple's signing leaves only Ralph Kiner outside the Pittsburgh fold for the coming season.

Sipple, a five-foot-eleven-inch, 175-pound right-hander was obtained from the Indians last fall along with Infielder Johnny Berardino in exchange for Pitcher Ted Wilks and Shortstop George Strickland.

Sipple, 30 years old, spent the 1952 season with Indianapolis of the American Association. He won nine games and lost five. His earned run average was 4.98.

Larry Doby Sees Best Year In '53

NEW YORK—At 28, Larry Doby figures 1953 will be his best year in baseball, he states in the current issue of Sport Magazine.

He ascribes it to the fact that his ailing leg, which was hindered him for two seasons, is better, he has lost the upsetting moods which often disturbed his play because he was booed often by fans when he pulled a boner, and he wants to come through for Cleveland fans and General Manager Hank Greenberg who has been a great pal to him.

Larry, a Cleveland Indian for seven years, is out to beat his record of 32 home runs which topped the American League last season and also fattened his batting average of .276.

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Commenting on some opinions of baseball people that the Cleveland Club chokes up in the clutch, Larry tells in Sport that "it isn't so. We are all one team and we try to win every game. We've failed four times in a row, always for a different reason. One season the hitters went great but the pitching tapered off. Then we'd have three 20-game winners and the hitting slumped. We have no Yankee complex. We don't crack up when we get into a tight series at the Stadium. They've had the better team most of the time. It's hard for any batter to hit Reynolds, Raschi, and Lopat when they are right."

'I'll Keep Quiet, but I'm Not Going to Be Pushed Around'—Larry Doby

(Special to the Courier)

CHICAGO—"I'm going to keep my mouth shut, but I'm not going to be pushed around."

That's Larry Doby's newest philosophy in relation to race problems which crop up in his major league baseball life.

His latest one occurred last week at Cleveland against the St. Louis Browns. Bob Cain was the St. Louis pitcher and hit Doby on the hip with a fast ball.

Doby stood there for a moment and looked out at the mound questioningly. Suddenly he started for Cain, but cooler heads got between them in time.

When Doby finally took first, Cain continued to yell at him and it also was taken up by Vic Wertz from the dugout. Wertz even took off his jacket as though to charge on the field.

"I certainly have got to be all for Doby in this," said Manager Al Lopez.

"It says in the rules that no player can be discriminated against because of the race or color," added Coach Red Kress. "Cain called him names several times."

"That's right," Doby said, "I'm not going to say anything until they pop off at me. Then I'm not going to take it."

Doby got the situation straightened out with Wertz several days later in St. Louis. Wertz had grounded out for the last out in an inning and Doby passed him on the way to the dugout. Wertz patted him on the fanny and Doby returned the compliment.

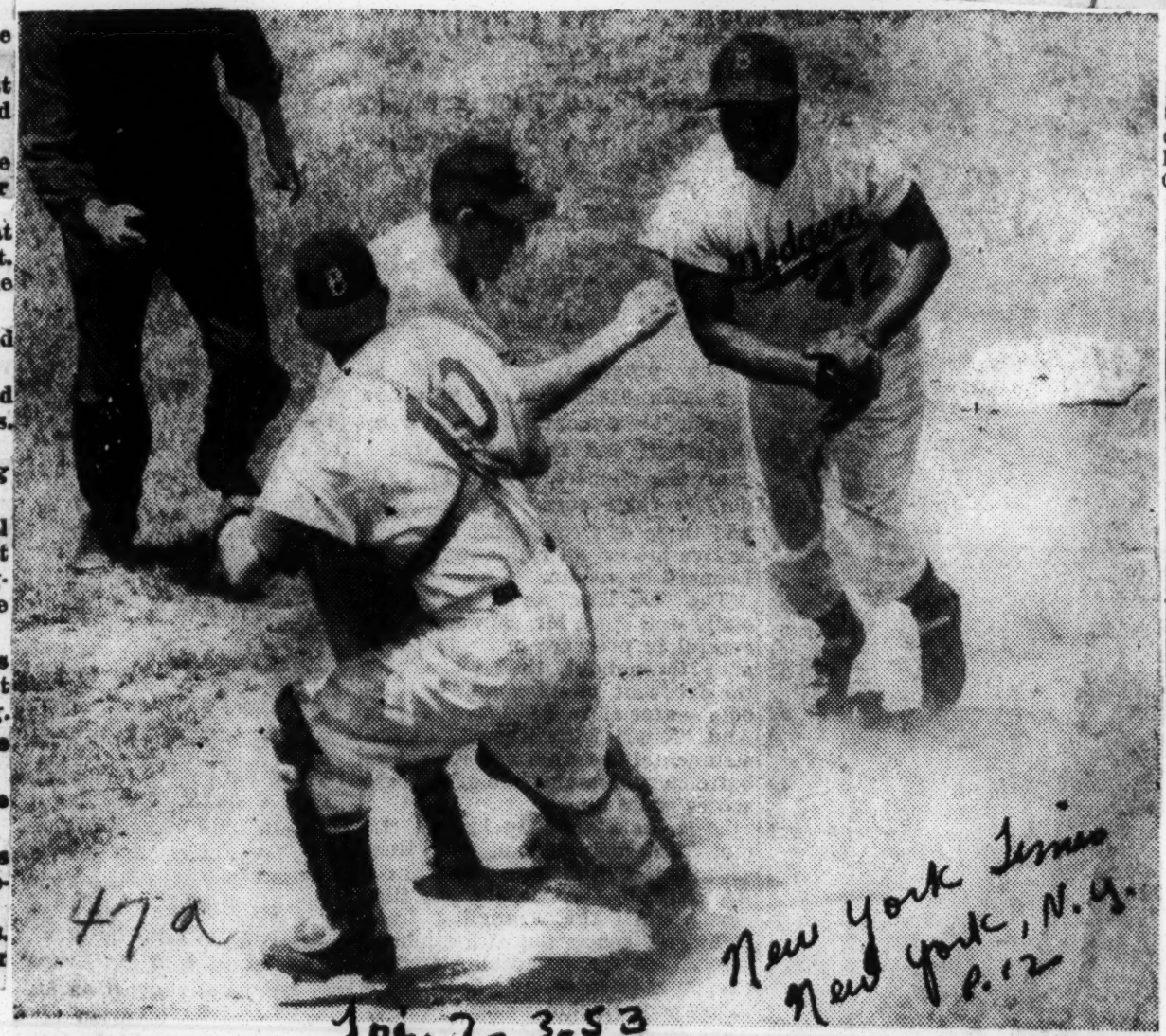
Doby's batting average and strikeout rate are more serious problems than his social life on the field, however, he just can't hit a steady pace and the Indians continue to limp along.

Tris Speaker again has taken him in hand and his advice is as old as baseball itself.

"You're swinging too hard, Larry," is the advice of one of the game's greatest hitters.

In the first 34 games, Doby had struck out 38 times. His batting average had shrunk to .228, although he had six home-runs and several had proved very important.

"It's hard for me to cut down my swing," he explains. "It's just as natural for me to swing that way as it is for me to breathe. I'll just have to sweat this out."



Associated Press

RUN DOWN BETWEEN THIRD AND HOME: Ted Kazanski of the Phillies caught on base-path between Dodger Catcher Rube Walker and Third Baseman Jackie Robinson in third inning of yesterday's game at Ebbets Field. Kazanski headed for home after Left Fielder Gil Hodges' return of Granny Hamner's fly had trapped Richie Ashburn off second base.

cohorts lost a heated debate with the umpires in the third. They claimed baseline interference by Rube Walker when Kazanski was tagged out by Robinson on a run-down between third and home following Hodges' catch of a fly by Granny Hamner.

The Box Score

PHILADELPHIA (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.
Kazanski, ss.	3	0	0	2	3
Ashburn, cf.	4	0	2	1	0
Hamner, 2b.	4	0	1	4	2
Ennis, lf.	3	0	2	3	0
Nicholson, rf.	4	0	0	1	0
Waitkus, 1b.	4	0	0	7	2
Jones, 3b.	4	0	0	0	1
Burgess, c.	3	0	1	4	0
Drews, p.	2	0	0	1	0
Ridzik, p.	0	0	0	0	0
Kipper, p.	1	0	0	1	0
aWyrostek	1	0	1	0	0
Total.	33	0	7	24	8

BROOKLYN (N.)	ab.	r.	h.	po.	a.
Gilliam, 2b.	4	1	1	4	4
Reese, ss.	2	1	1	1	1
Robinson, 3b.	4	0	1	1	4
Belardi, 1b.	3	0	0	5	2
Hodges, lf.	4	1	1	2	1
Furillo, rf.	4	1	2	2	0
Thompson, cf.	2	1	0	5	0
Walker, c.	4	0	0	6	1
Erskine, p.	4	3	2	1	1
Total.	31	8	8	27	14

aSingled for Kipper in ninth.

Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—0
Brooklyn	0	0	2	0	3	2	1	0	—8

Errors—Robinson, Kazanski, Belardi. Runs batted in—Robinson 3, Gilliam, Reese 3, Hodges. Two-base hits—Ashburn, Robinson, Furillo, Erskine. Three-base hit—Gilliam. Home runs—Reese, Hodges. Sacrifice—Thompson. Double plays—Kazanski, Hamner and Waitkus; Hodges, Belardi, Gilliam, Walker and Robinson; Robinson, Gilliam and Belardi; Reese, Gilliam and Belardi. Left on bases—Philadelphia 10, Brooklyn 7. Bases on balls—Off Drews 3, Erskine 4, Ridzik 3. Struck out—By Drews 4, Erskine 6. Hits—Off Drews 4 in 5 innings, Ridzik 2 in 2-3, Kipper 2 in 2 1-3. Runs and earned runs—Off Drews 5 and 3, Ridzik 2 and 2, Kipper 1 and 1. Hit by pitcher—By Drews (Belardi). Winning pitcher—Erskine (6-4). Losing pitcher—Drews (5-6). Umpires—Secory, Goetz and Dascoli. Time of game—2:28. Attendance—9,223.

Reese and Hodges Wallop Homers As Brooks Win With Erskine, 8-0

Dodgers' Well-Rested Pitcher Scatters Seven Hits—Mates Found 3 Phil Hurlers

By JOSEPH M. SHEEHAN

A well-rested Carl Erskine held the Phillies to seven scattered hits yesterday while Brooklyn was pounding Karl Drews and two successors for eight blows good for twenty bases. The result was an 8-0 triumph that kept the Dodgers ahead of the Milwaukee Braves in the tight National League pennant race.

Home runs by Peewee Reese and Gil Hodges, a triple by Jim Gilliam and doubles by Jackie Robinson, Carl Furillo and Erskine marked the distance-hitting barrage laid down by the Brooks before a Ladies Day gathering of more than 25,000 at Ebbets Field. Reese and Robinson each drove in three runs, while Erskine, who made two hits, scored three times.

Copes With Emergencies

Racked up with distressing regularity during late May and June, Erskine responded to the eleven-day rest cure prescribed by Manager Charley Dressen by turning in his best performance since blanking the Reds on one hit on May 17. Carl now has accounted for two of the four Dodger shutouts.

The compact right-hander, who was dropped from the starting rotation on June 22 after being knocked out for the sixth time in seven starts, coped in admirable fashion with every emergency that arose.

With the help of three walks, a hit batsman and two Dodger errors the Phillies put runners on base in every inning to no avail. Three double plays, started by Robinson, Reese and Hodges, from left field, and six strategically placed strike-outs assisted Erskine over the rough spots.

Brooklyn tallied two unearned runs off Drews in the third on Robinson's double, after Erskine's double-play grounder had been booted by Ted Kazanski, Philadelphia's rookie shortstop.

The Brooks made it 5—0 in the fifth against the Philly starter on Erskine's single, Gilliam's triple and Reese's homer. It was No. 7 for Peewee, one more than he hit all last year.

A single by Furillo, Erskine's double and successive walks to Gilliam, Reese and Robinson produced two more runs in the sixth against Steve Ridzik, and Thornton Kipper, who stopped this flurry, was clipped for homer No. 14 by Hodges in the seventh for a final marker.

Victors Take Series, 2—1

The victory gave the Brooks the series, 2 games to 1. They hold a 7-5 edge over the Philadelphians for the season. . . . The Dodgers set a club record by hitting at least one homer for the fifteenth straight game. They are four games short of the Giants' 1947 National League mark. . . . Gilliam now has walked fifty times. . . . Robinson made his first error as a third baseman, muffing a tough chance from the bat of Eddie Waitkus in the third.

Manager Steve O'Neill and his

Dodgers Sign Robinson, Reese, Campanella for an Estimated Total of $100,000

Second Baseman Tops Club With 1953 Salary of $40,000

Shortstop's Pay Reported at $35,000, Catcher's at $25,000; All Three Stars Given Raises

By Harold Rosenthal

Jackie Robinson, Pee Wee Reese and Roy Campanella, to name them in the order of their drain on the Dodger exchequer, signed 1953 contracts yesterday in the exotic atmosphere of the Hotel Lexington's Hawaiian Room. The all-star trio, and the adjective used here is based on performance and not on opinion, represents between one-third and one-fourth of Brooklyn's player payroll.

Robinson, at an estimated $40,000 is again the highest-paid ball player in Brook'yn history and Reese is only a few thousand behind him. Campanella's salary brings the aggregate up to $100,000, or so close to it that, as Fresco Thompson, the Brooklyn vice-president, put it, "you won't get fat on the difference."

Reese was in town to receive one of three awards the New York press photographers made at their annual dinner at Leone's last night to the players who proved most co-operative in 1952 (Phil Rizzuto and Sal Maglie shared honors with Pee Wee. Robinson came across town from his National Broadcasting Company office where he is director of community affairs; Campanella, sporting a new dapper moustache, let some one else watch his liquor store up in Harlem for a few hours.

Down to 200

Campanella's moustache wasn't the only surprise. Admittedly overweight all season, the Dodgers' backstop is now a svelte 200-pounder and he doesn't have to come up with those lame "it must be the cut of the uniform" excuses. Robinson is about ten pounds overweight; Pee Wee, who never has had any trouble in that department, has been hunting in Kentucky to keep in condition.

Big signings are always the signal for big guessing games and the guesses on the salaries for 1953 were: Robinson, $40,000; Reese, $35,000, and Campanella, $25,000.

All said they had been given a raise, statements which didn't jibe at first with Buz Bavasi's, "They all signed for the same salary as last year." Later, the Dodger vice-president hastily amended this to read, "They all got a slight raise," which has amended further by Robinson's, "There wasn't anything slight about my raise, at least not the way I look at it."

The trio posed for pictures for almost an hour, after which they answered such questions as, "Who do you fear most?" Jackie thought the Phillies would prove toughest, Pee Wee the Giants and Campanella thought no one was going to bother the Dodgers very much.

Reese, of course, is the veteran among this post-thirty trio. He is starting his eleventh season with the club, is captain, and has played in four World Series. He had an outstanding Series in 1952 with a .345 performance at the plate. During the regular season he was the leading base-stealer in either league, with thirty steals in thirty-five tries.

Came Up in '47

Robinson has been with the Dodgers since 1947, when he broke in as the first Negro to play in the major leagues. He was the National League's Most Valuable Player in 1949, and despite his protestations that he doesn't have much more to go or that his aches and pains are catching up with him, he is just about as valuable a player, financially or otherwise, as any in the business.

Campanella is the baby of the lot, from the major-league experience point of view. He didn't come up until mid-'48, when the club was wallowing in the second division and Leo Durocher finally got Branch Rickey to agree to get him some help from the minor league clubs. Campanella came up and beat out Bruce Edwards for the catching job in short order. Since 1949 he has caught every inning of every All-Star game, a record that's going to be difficult to equal.

Herald Tribune—United Press

GETTING IN LINE: Buzzie Bavasi, Dodger vice-president, is enjoying what's going on behind his back as PeeWee Reese, Roy Campanella and Jackie Robinson sign the 1953 contracts. Jackie reportedly will get $40,000, PeeWee $35,000 and Roy $25,000

The Dodgers took the first step yesterday toward reducing their Fort Worth club in the Texas League from an outright ownership proposition to the status of a working-agreement club. John Reeves, president of the club for several years and a memmber of the Ebbets-McKeever Corporation, was relieved of his duties as president. A new president and general manager will be named shortly for the club which finished runner-up fo rthe league pennant last year although Bobby Bragan will continue as field manager.

An unnamed buyer holds an option to purchase of the Forth Worth club, with the sale contingent upon Brooklyn's continued interest in the form of a working agreement. Forth Worth has always been a good baseball town although the Dodgers sustainied a hrash blow several years ago when most of the grandstand burned down.

Jim Romano, a local Brooklyn pitcher who was on the Montreal roster, has notified the Dodgers that he will retire from baseball to seek a position with the New York Police Department. . . . Romano was up in the last month of the 1950 season. . . . Another Montreal pitcher, Mal Mallette, has indicated he is retiring to become a sports reporter for a paper in Asheville. N. C.

"Half of the Team"

Campanella, Reese And Robinson Sign

Roy Campanella Pee Wee Reese Jackie Robinson

. . . $100,000 in salaries for 1953

NEW YORK, Jan. 12 (AP).—In one fell swoop, the Brooklyn Dodgers signed "one half of their ball club" today when Jackie Robinson, Pee Wee Reese and Roy Campanella affixed their signatures to contracts totaling just under $100,000.

The triple signing of three of their big guns boosted to an even dozen the number of Dodgers in the fold for 1953 as the National League champions endeavored to get their house in order in record time. Other regulars already "satisfied and contented" include pitchers Joe Black and Preacher Roe, first baseman Gil Hodges and outfielder George Shuba.

Dodger vice president E. J. (Buzzie Bavasi did not divulge the individual figures.

He did say that all three received slight increases, that Robinson was the highest salaried player on the club and that the total salary of the trio was "not quite $100,000."

Robinson, who said the news that he was the highest paid player on the Dodgers was a distinct surprise to him, will earn an estimaoed $38,000 for his work this year.

Reese, who like Robinson, will be 34 on his next birthday, reportedly will receive $35,000, and Campanella $25,000.

Robinson reiterated that he expected to play one more season after this one but would not return in 1954 if he could not play regularly.

"No benchwarming for me," he stated emphatically. "Right now I feel fine. My legs don't bother me a bit. But if at any time this season I find that baseball has become too much of a chore, I'm not going to return in '54. I'll play only as long as I feel I can be an asset to the club."

Reese, who was honored tonight by the Baseball Photographers Association for being the "most cooperative of all Dodgers," predicted the Giants would be the team to beat for the pennant this year.

"If (Sal) Maglie and (Larry) Jansen recover from their bad backs, they're going to be awfully rough," he said.

Robinson handed the palm

THREE BROOKS GET TOTAL OF $100,000

Robinson Highest Paid Dodger After Signing for $38,000

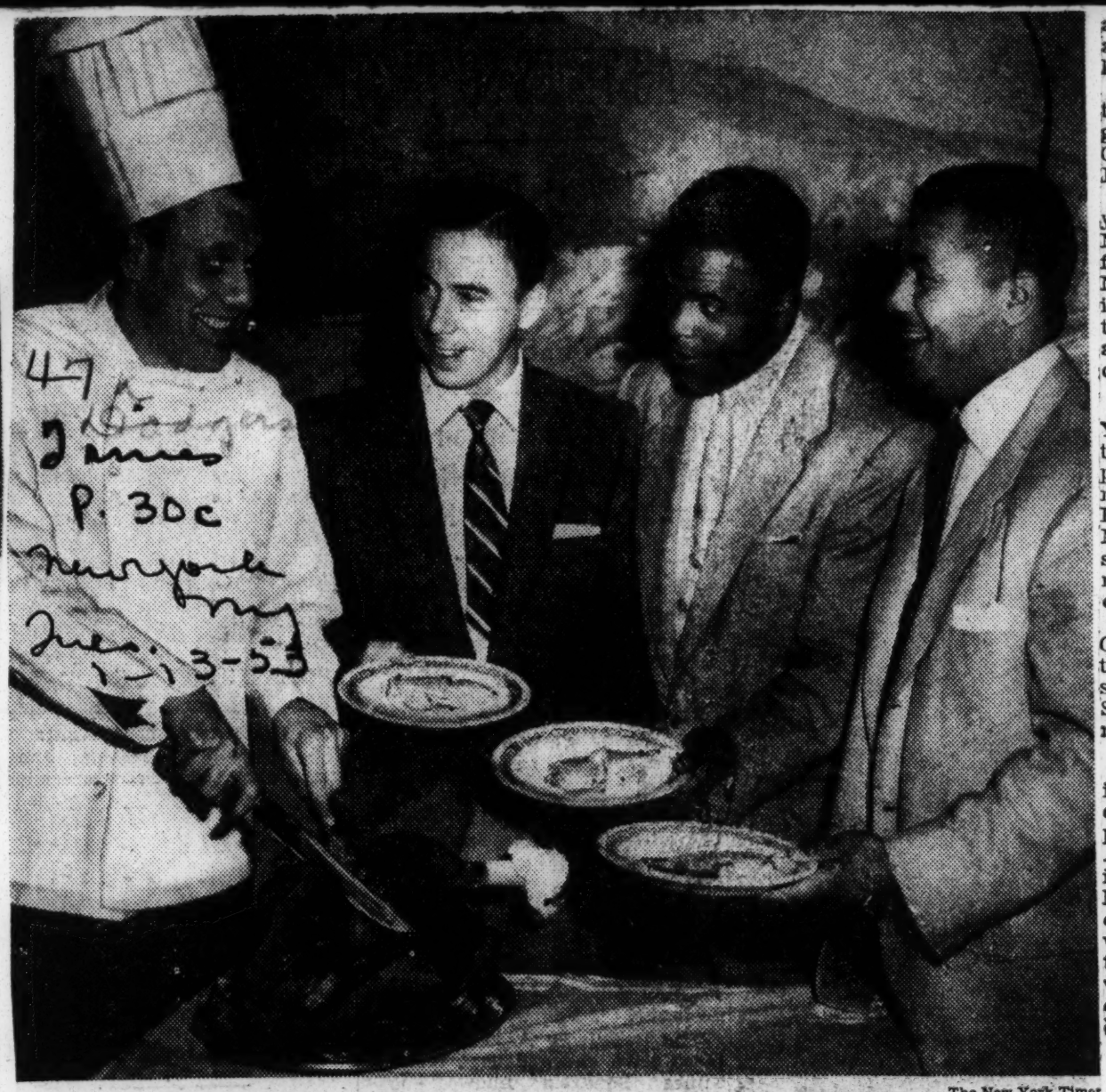
—$37,000 for Reese

CAMPANELLA PAY $25,000

Players See Pennant Ahead—Maglie Accepts a $35,000 Contract With Giants

By JAMES P. DAWSON

In a setting of kleig lights, whirring sound tracks and extraneous influences customarily associated with events of such importance,



The New York Times

DODGERS DISPOSE OF $100,000: Chef E. J. (Buzzie) Bavasi, vice president of the club, carving turkey for Peewee Reese, who signed for $37,000; Jackie Robinson, who accepted terms for $38,000. and Roy Campanella, who agreed to $25,000, at the Lexington Hotel yesterday.

Vice President Emil J. (Buzzie) Bavasi yesterday signed three Dodger players at an estimated cost of $100,000.

Jackie Robinson, Pewee Reese and Roy Campanella were brought into the fold, raising to an even dozen the number of Dodgers signed and ready for delivery to Manager Chuck Dressen at spring training camp.

No announcement of salary was made, in keeping with baseball tradition. Bavasi's nearest approach to disregard of this custom occurred when he admitted signing of the trio involved for an amount "in the neighborhood of $100,000," adding that all three had received increases and that Robinson was the highest paid Dodger. Bavasi rejected the suggestion Jackie was the highest paid Dodger in the club's history.

Difference of $1,000

Speculation, based on the theory that not more than $1,000 separates Robinson and Reese, placed the salaries at $38,000 for Robinson, $37,000 for Peewee and $25,000 for Campanella.

All three agreed they were pleased with the terms of their contracts, a satisfaction to which Bavasi also subscribed, although he admitted, with a smile, that it was an expensive feeling. Campanella came to the ceremony sporting a mustache, which he promised to wear until Dressen orders a tonsorial operation at camp.

The big backstop was a comparatively slender 210 pounds after dropping ten since the Yankee rout of last October. He will leave for Hot Springs, Ark, with Joe Black, early next months, to take advantage of the baths and get in some hiking before training opens.

"I want to play every game next season and the way I feel right now, I will," said Campanella, who was handicapped by injuries most of last season. "All I want is for our club to play ball like it can, then none of the other clubs will worry us."

Robinson and Reese echoed the confidence of Campanella, predicting another Dodger pennant. "Our young pitchers will be all set this year and we should do all right," said Jackie. "I expect we'll get our toughest opposition from the Phillies. I know I'll be in there giving everything I've got and I expect to be doing that as long as I can contribute to the success of the club."

Reese Looks to 11th Season

Looking forwar to his eleventh campaign with the Dodgers, Reese disagreed with Robinson's forecase of 1953 opposition and sounded the only solemn note of the occasion.

"I agree with the theory that happy ball players make good ball players, and I am happy at signing this year," said the Dodger captain. "I feel great and look forward to another good year. It will have to ge a good year, I guess, or, at my age, maybe I won't be around this time next year signing like this.

"I think the Phillies will be tough next season, but I expect our greatest trouble to come from the Giants, particularly if Maglie and Jansen came back at full strength."

Bavasi disclosed Jim Romano, a young right-handed pitcher with Montreal last season, had retired from the Dodger system to join the New York police department. He is the second Dodger hurler to retire this Winter. Mal Mallette, once a Yankee, gave up the game to become a writer.

Reese was one of three New York major leaguers honored by the New York Press Photographers Association at the group's meeting in Leone's last night. The Brooklyn shortstop, Pitcher Sal Maglie of the Giants and Shortstop Phil Rizzuto of the Yankees received plaques for unusual cooperation.

Owner Horace Stoneham of the Giants also showed up at the photographers' dinner and promptly signed Maglie to a 1953 contract. Speculation placed the pay of the mound ace at $35,000.

Willie Mays, private first class in the Army, visited Giant headquarters yesterday and revealed plans to seek his release from the Army as a hardship case. Mays informed President Horace Stoneham he would file his application on his return to Fort Eustis, Va. where he is stationed, claiming twelve dependents. He said he would claim he is the chief support of his mother, nine sisters and brothers and two aunts.

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LUKE EASTER

Associated Press Photo

LUKE SOUP—Luke Easter, Cleveland Indians first baseman who already has an interest in a sausage business, stirs a kettle of soup in his new Cleveland restaurant, the Luke Easter Dining Room. Luke expects to have trouble keeping his weight down "because the food in here is going to be so good."

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Associated Press Virephoto

LUKE'S OUT AWHILE—CHICAGO, April 20—Luke Easter, Cleveland Indians' first baseman, points to his injured left foot in Mercy Hospital Monday after he was struck by sinker pitch thrown by White Sox hurler Lou Kretlow Saturday. Easter, handicapped most of 1951 with an injured knee, will be out several weeks.

Luke Easter dropped by Cleveland Indians; $10,000 waiver asked

Courier p.15 Baseball

NEW YORK (CNS) — Heavy hitting but heavy-legged Luke Easter has been cut from the Cleveland Indians' 1954 roster, in its new plans on beating the Yankees.

Sept. 10-10-53

According to Manager Al Lopez, recently signed for another whack at piloting the Indians to first place, waivers have been obtained on the slugging first eeeeee eeeee..... .. .. baseman. No club in the league has thought Easter worth the $10,000 waiver price.

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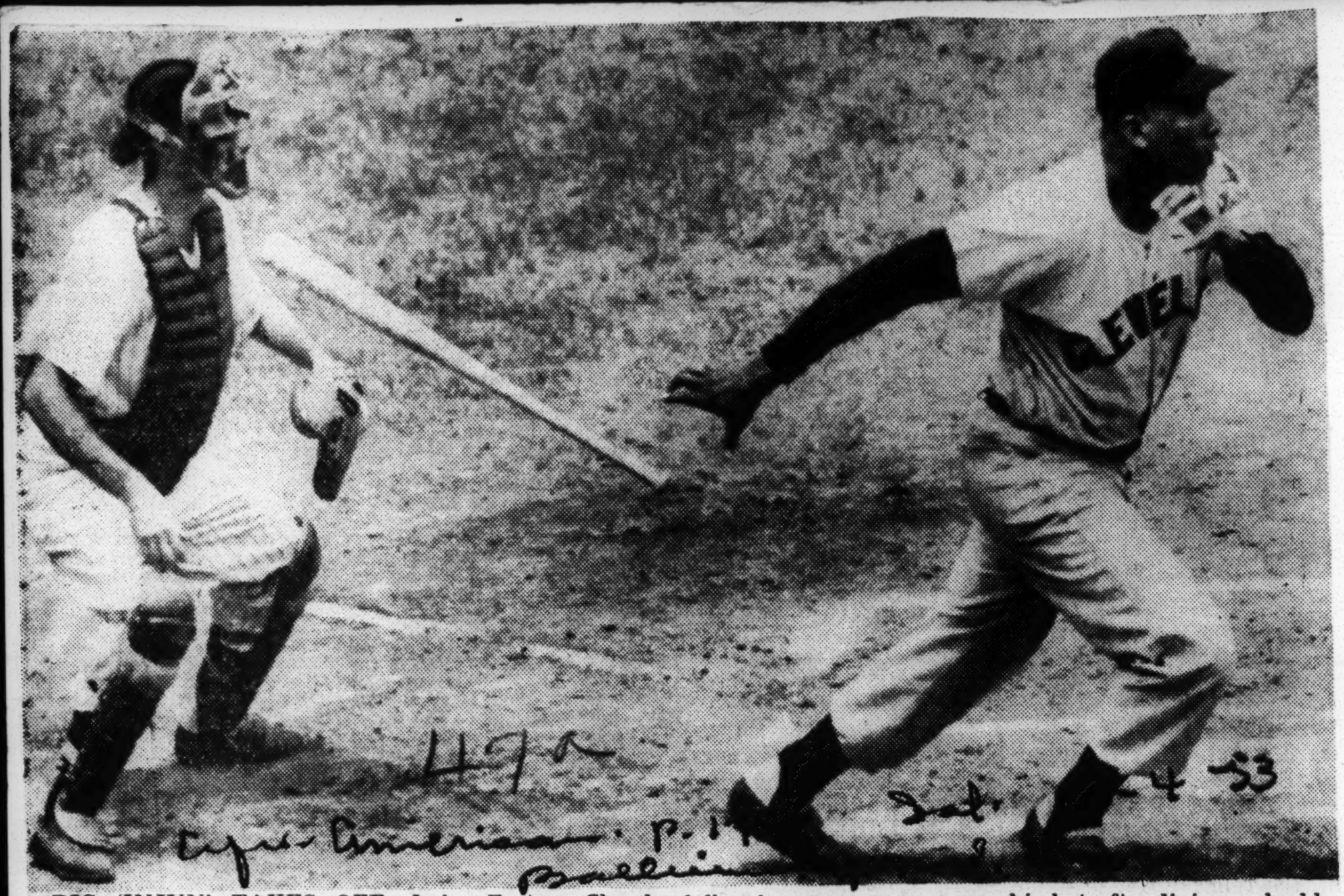
Associated Press Wirephoto

BIG LUKE GRINS AGAIN—First baseman Luke Easter of the Cleveland Indians gets the welcome word from Trainer Wally Bock that he's ready to return to the lineup. The big infielder suffered a broken foot in a game April 18. Easter was put back on the club's active-player list in Washington yesterday, although he won't start playing regularly for a few more days.



BIG 'INJUN' TAKES OFF—Luke Easter, Cleveland first baseman, tosses away his bat after lining a double to right center field scoring Al Rosen in the first inning of a twin bill against the Washington Senators. Recovering froma foot injury, he played through five innings. The catcher is Ed Fitzgerald of the Nats.

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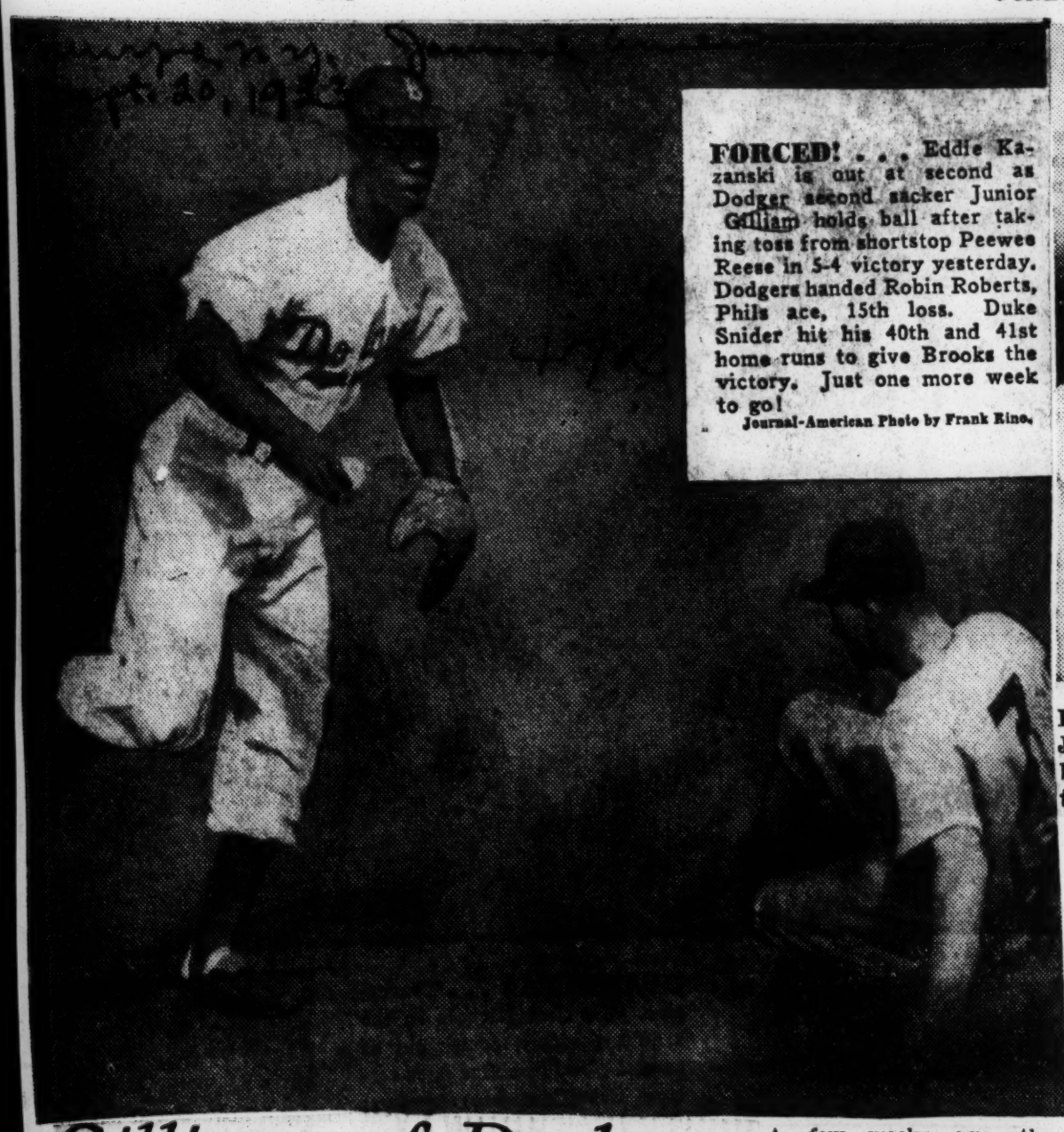
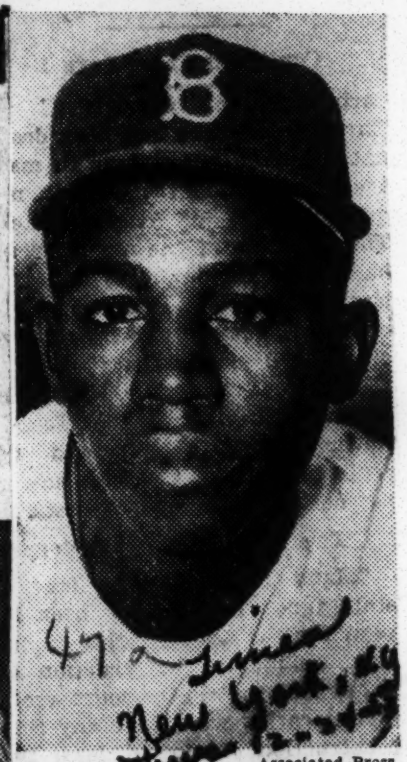
JUNIOR GILLIAM



FORCED! . . . Eddie Kazanski is out at second as Dodger second sacker Junior Gilliam holds ball after taking toss from shortstop Peewee Reese in 5-4 victory yesterday. Dodgers handed Robin Roberts, Phils ace, 15th loss. Duke Snider hit his 40th and 41st home runs to give Brooks the victory. Just one more week to go!

Journal-American Photo by Frank Kino.



Associated Press

HONORED BY WRITERS: Junior Gilliam, Dodger second baseman, named rookie of the year in National League.

Gilliam of Dodgers

HADDIX RUNNER-UP TO BROOK INFIELDER

Cardinal Pitcher Gets Four Votes to Gilliam's Eleven in Survey of Writers

By JOSEPH M. SHEEHAN

Jim (Junior) Gilliam of the Dodgers yesterday was named the National League's 1953 rookie of the year. Brooklyn's fleet, switch-hitting second baseman received eleven of the twenty-four votes cast by the Baseball Writers Association of America selection committee. This gave him a comfortable edge over the six other candidates considered for the annual award.

Harvey Haddix, left-handed pitcher who won twenty games for the Cardinals, was runner-up, with four votes. Ray Jablonski, Cardinal third baseman, received three votes. Rip Repulski of the Cardinals and Bill Bruton of the Braves, both outfielders, collected two each. Cincinnati's Fred Baczewski, a pitcher, and Jim Greengrass, an outfielder, were named on one ballot each.

The selection of Gilliam gave the pennant-winning Dodgers a clean sweep of the past season's elective honors in the senior circuit. A few weeks ago, the same writers' committee picked Roy Campanella, Brooklyn's slugging catcher, as the recipient of the National League Most Valuable Player Award for 1953.

Gilliam, the fifth Negro player to earn the rookie-of-the-year designation in the last five years, is the third Dodger to be so honored. The award was established by the writers in 1948. The previous winners, in order, were Alvin Dark, then of the Boston Braves; Don Newcombe of Brooklyn; Sam Jethroe of Boston; Willie Mays of the Giants and Joe Black of the Dodgers.

Capable Rookie Crop

That Gilliam led the poll in a campaign distinguished by an unusually large crop of capable rookies reflects the dramatic circumstances of his debut with the Dodgers as well as his brilliant performance at bat, in the field and on the bases.

The 25-year-old native of Nashville, whose contract, along with that of Black, was purchased by Brooklyn from the Baltimore Elite Giants for $9,000 in 1950, was not even on the Dodger roster when the Brooks began pre-season training at Vero Beach last spring.

Notwithstanding, Charley Dressen, the former manager of the Brooks, wasted little time in nominating Junior as his regular second baseman. This proved to be one of the season's master strategical moves, even though it involved shifting Jackie Robinson from the position where he had achieved top ranking.

With Robinson supplying invaluable service as a trouble-shooter, Gilliam covered more ground at second than the aging Jackie could have and, more importantly, gave the Dodgers the most effective lead-off hitting they had since the heyday of Eddie Stanky.

Led League in Triples

Junior, a fixture in the line-up except for one brief spell in midseason, when he was benched to correct a slump, batted .278 in 151 games, with thirty-one doubles, seventeen triples, six homers and sixty-three runs batted in. He led the league in triples.

His value to the Dodgers was further attested by his 100 bases on balls (a rookie record for walks), 125 runs scored and 21 stolen bases.

Without detracting from the well-deserved recognition received by Gilliam, it was prejudicial to the chances of Haddix, his chief rival in the voting, that the selection committee had no clear-cut directive defining eligibility for the rookie-of-the-year award. The writers intend to plug this loophole next year.

The Cardinal southpaw undoubtedly lost some votes because he had pitched forty-two innings, spread over seven games, in compiling a 2-2 won-lost record after coming out of service in August, 1952. Greengrass may also have suffered, since he had played in seventeen games for the Redlegs in September, 1952.

In the American League rookie-of-the-year poll, comparable eligibility doubts had been overridden in a landslide vote in favor of Detroit's Harvey Kuenn, who also had seen end-of-the-season action in 1952.

DODGER ROOKIE 'SURPRISED'

Gilliam Thought Cards' Haddix Would Get League Honor

BALTIMORE, Dec. 23 (AP)—"It was a big surprise to me," Junior Gilliam said today upon being told he had been named the rookie of the year in the National League. "I was figuring Harvey Haddix would get it," the little Negro said. "You know he won twenty games."

Acknowledging the award as "a great honor," Gilliam said everybody on the Brooklyn team had helped him earn the rookie award.

Junior's biggest thrill in the majors?

"When I hit that first home run in the world series," he said as he recalled the six-game play-off against the champion New York Yankees last October. "I don't go for the home run too much," Gilliam explained. "I go for those singles, doubles and triples."

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JAMES (JUNIOR) GILLIAM

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Gilliam chosen rookie of year

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (ANP) — James (Junior) Gilliam, brilliant second baseman of the Brooklyn Dodgers, was named rookie of the year in the National League by The Sporting News, the "bible" of baseball.

Gilliam was far ahead of his rivals in the voting. Receiving votes in the balloting were Billy Bruton of the Milwaukee Braves and Ruben Gomez of the New York Giants.

Winning of this honor climaxes the first year of Gilliam's major league career which has included the following highlights:

He moved the famed Jackie Robinson off second base. After a dismal first half of the season which saw his batting average drop to 232, Gilliam was given a short rest, then returned to the lineup. From then on he raised his average to .277. In fielding he ended second in the league.

He stole 21 bases, third in the league, and broke the record for walks for rookies with an even 100 bases on balls.

Dodgers' Gilliam Is Named N. L.'s Rookie of The Year'

New York, Dec. 23 (AP)— Junior Gilliam, who came to the Dodgers' training camp on a "look" basis and then proceeded to take over Jackie Robinson's job at second base, today was named the National League's "rookie of the year."

Thus the National League champions completed a cleanup of individual honors to go with their team triumphs. Only a month ago, the 24-man selection committee of the Baseball Writers Association picked catcher Roy Campanella as the circuit's most valuable player.

The 25-year-old, Nashville-born Gilliam became the fifth straight Negro to win the rookie award and the third Dodger to cop the honor in the same span of time.

Started In 1948

The writers started picking the outstanding rookie in 1948 and that year the honor went to shortstop Alvin Dark of the Boston Braves. Since then it went, in order, to Don Newcombe, Dodger pitcher; Sam Jethroe, Boston Braves outfielder; Willie Mays, Giants outfielder; and Joe Black, Brooklyn pitcher.

Gilliam, the International League's most valuable player of 1952, received 11 votes in the closest balloting race since Dark won in '48.

Pitcher Harvey Haddix, a 20-9 winner with St. Louis, was second with four votes followed by another Cardinal, third baseman Ray Jablonski, 3; Outfielder Bill Bruton, Milwaukee Braves, and Rip Repulski, Cardinal outfielder two each, and pitcher Fred Baczewski and outfielder Jim Greengrass, both of Cincinnati, one vote each.

Haddix Is Second

Haddix, a southpaw, might have won the prize but doubt as to his eligibility hurt his chances. He pitched 42 innings, spread over seven games, while compiling a 2-2 record in '52.

The Cards set a record for this poll when votes were cast for three of their players.

Brooklyn bought Gilliam for $4,000 from the Baltimore Elite Giants, a Negro aggregation. He was sent to Montreal and in '52 won the I. L.'s most valuable plize.

He wasn't on the official Dodger roster when he came to Vero Beach on an "inspection basis." He was so impressive, however, both in the field and at the plate, that the slowed-down Robinson commented that he (Jackie) was going to have to move to another position.

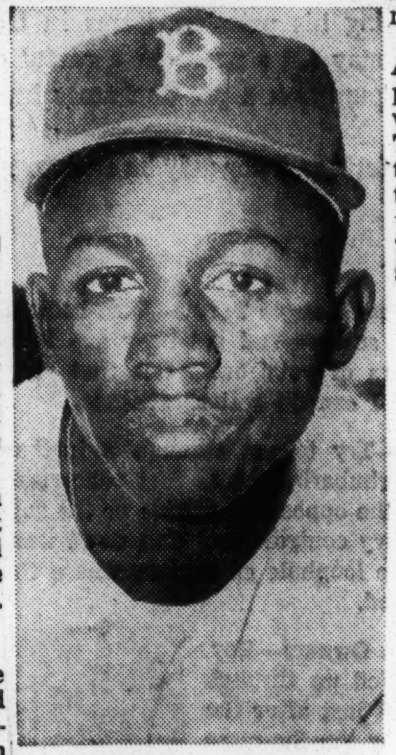
Replaced Robinson

That's what happened. Robinson, the Associated Press' rookie of 1947, and the nation's most valuable player in '49, shifted over to third base and then to left field.

As the Dodger leadoff man, Junior batted .278 in 151 games, drove in 63 runs, hit six homers, 17 triples and 31 doubles. He became the first rookie to draw 100 walks and his 17 triples led the league. He was third in stolen bases with 21.

He even did better in his first World Series, hitting .296. He got eight hits in 7 trips, including three doubles and two home runs. He drove in four runs.

Haddix joined the Cards in August of '52 and thus was passed up by many of the writers who felt he was a sophomore. There are no definite rules on the subject so the writers plan to make an official definition of what actually constitutes a "rookie" before the 1954 season starts.



Junior Gilliam
N. L.'s Rookie of Year

NL's Rookie of Year— Junior Gilliam.

Sports in brief—

Dodgers' Gilliam named National Rookie of Year

From wire reports

Brooklyn's James (Junior) Gilliam was named National League Rookie of the Year today by the 24-man selection committee of the Baseball Writers Association. The Dodger second baseman got almost three times as many votes as his closest rival, Harvey Haddix, St. Louis Cardinals southpaw pitcher.

Ted Lyons, former pitcher and manager of the Chicago White Sox, has been signed as a coaching coach with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

LUKE APPLING, who piloted the Memphis Chicks to the Southern Association pennant in 1953, has been named manager of the Richmond entry in the International League.

Connie Mack, former manager of the Philadelphia A's, celebrated his 91st birthday at the home of his son, Connie Jr.

THE BASEBALL name of Dunn was signed out of the owners' ranks yesterday after 44 years when Jack Dunn III signed legal papers turning over the Baltimore Orioles to a new American League club.

Dunn moved out and let Baltimore go major league. But he continues in baseball as vice president and traveling secretary of the new major league Orioles.

When Furillo's Hit

Protective Helmet Lessens Injury; Gilliam Also Target for Cub Hurler

By BILL ROEDER

The Brooklyn fans have come up with a spur-of-the-moment solution to the beanball problem. If the batter gets skulled, take the pitcher out of the game. Especially, of course, if the guy is pitching for the other team.

Bob Rush of the Cubs skulled Carl Furillo last night and the fans, who have long since decided it's never an accident when Furillo is hit, began demanding loudly and angrily that the umpires give Rush the rush. "Get him out of there," they yelled.

Rush stayed in and wound up losing the game by 3-0, which was some satisfaction for the fans, although they seemed to take more pleasure in the direct discomfiture Rush suffered when Russ Meyer rettaliated by firing two pitches at him. The folks loved that. It was ladies' night.

Maybe the fans have something. If the batter is hurt seriously enough to be knocked out of the game, why not make the pitcher leave, too? That would cut down on beanballs, and the nasty business would be eliminated completely if the rulesmakers went a step further. Just declare the pitcher ineligible until a league physician reports that the injured batter is well enough to play. Make the maximum suspension one month.

Tough Idea to Put Over.

Of course, it would be tough to sell that to managers and pitchers, many of whom are extremely bloodthirsty, and the hitters would shy away from it because of their childish code. They think it's

Russ Meyer

Junior Gilliam

unmanly to complain about beanballs. Even Furillo, who has been hit in the head six times, said he wouldn't want to see a pitcher penalized for hitting somebody.

"What the hell, they have to make a living," Carl said. He added that he doesn't think any pitcher actually tries to hit a man in the head. "They just want to knock you down, or maybe if they really want to get you they'll try to hit you in the back, that's all."

The attending doctor said that Furillo was not seriously injured. The ball hit near the top of his head. "It probably struck the edge of his protective helmet," the doctor said, "so that he got only a little of the impact in an unprotected area."

Rush, very fast, and often very wild, is thought by his own club as a gentle soul who goes out of his way to keep from hitting batters. His reputation among opposing teams is exactly the reverse.

Gilliam Target, Too.

Furillo said he thought Rush threw two pitches at him and one at Junior Gilliam. Furillo happened to come up just after Roy Campanella hit a home run to lead off the second inning. The Dodgers added a run in the second on the hit batsman, a stolen base by Don Thompson, who filled in for Furillo, and a single by Gilliam. The other run came around in the seventh on a walk, a sacrifice, an infield out and an error.

The Cubs knocked Meyer out in the ninth, but also knocked themselves out on the basepaths. Eddie Miksis opened with a double and Dee Fondy walked. Ralph Kiner hit a grounder that was on its way to the outfield when Miksis ran into it. Jim Hughes came in and Ransom Jackson hit what would have been a clean single to right, but Kiner held up, thinking the ball would be caught, and Thompson threw him out at second. Joe Garagiola screeched a drive into Bedford Ave., but it was a foul by a couple of feet, and Joe must have figured it was no use. He tapped out to end the game.

OUT ON TWO COUNTS was the fate of Junior Gilliam in the second inning of Saturday's Brooklyn-Pittsburgh game. Trying to score from third on Bobby Morgan's fly to center field, Gilliam was tagged out by Pirate catcher Vic Janowicz. The Dodger second baseman injured his ankle on the slide and was forced to leave the game in the seventh inning.

—Associated Press Wirephoto

ON FIELD, ON PAPER, IN MINDS OF MEN

Even Stengel Agrees, Bums' Infield Is Tops

By MILTON RICHMAN

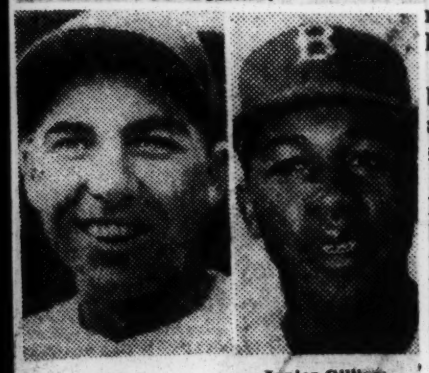
NEW YORK, Sept. 21—(AP)—The Dodger infield boasts a slight edge over the Yankee infield, on paper, on the field and in the opinion of a majority of baseball men.

Even Casey Stengel was forced to admit Brooklyn's superiority early this spring.

"There's only one club in baseball that has a better infield than ours," said Stengel, and that club isn't in our league—Brooklyn."

Not only does the Dodger infield shade the Yankee infield on defense, but on offense as well.

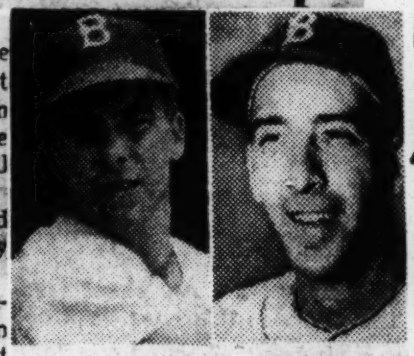
Big Gil Hodges, who broke in as a catcher with Brooklyn, is now regarded the finest fielding first baseman in the National League. At the moment, he and Ted Kluszewski of Cincinnati are running one-two in fielding percentage. His fielding average of .993 is four points better than the .989 mark of Yankee first baseman Joe Collins.



Gil Hodges — Junior Gilliam

Collins, the most "regular" of the Yankee first basemen, is a fine fielder, too, of course, but not quite as smooth as Hodges. The disparity in their batting averages is pronounced enough to give Hodges a clear-cut edge. He is hitting .303 through games played Friday while Collins is batting .278.

At second base, Junior Gilliam of the Dodgers is outhitting Billy Martin, .279 to .251, but Martin is five points superior to Gilliam in the fielding averages. Both Gilliam and Martin are smooth operators on the double play and each can go equally well to his left and right.



Pee Wee Reese — Billy Cox

The argument at shortstop over whether Phil Rizzuto is better than Pee Wee Reese or vice versa probably never will be settled to anyone's complete satisfaction. There is little to choose between them defensively. Rizzuto is fielding .964 and Reese .962. Rizzuto is out-hitting Reese, 278 to .269, but Reese has hit 11 more homers and batted in six more runs than Rizzuto. It looks like a standoff at that position.

Billy Cox is generally rated the best third baseman in baseball and he gives the Dodgers a substantial margin at that position.

As was to be expected, Cox leads all National League third basemen with a .975 average in the field. Gil McDougald of the Yankees, on the other hand, has the lowest fielding average of any American League third baseman, .950. Cox is batting .288 to McDougald's .284 and each has walloped 10 homers through Friday's games. In the final analysis, Cox's obvious superiority in the field spells the difference.

The Yankees, however, are stronger than the Dodgers in infield reserves, numerically and otherwise. Don Bollweg, Andy Carey, Johnny Mize, Willie Miranda, Gus Triandos and Jerry Coleman are the Yankee availables as compared with Brooklyn's Bobby Morgan and Wayne Belardi.

In Mize, the Yankees have a pinch hitter de luxe, as the Dodgers found out to their sorrow last year at World Series time. Bollweg is hitting .308 and Carey .297 as compared with Belardi's .257 and Morgan's .250.

Despite the Yankees' stronger reserves, however, the Dodgers still stack up as slightly better, both offensively and defensively, as far as the infield is concerned.

Gilliam Pulls Hyde As Dodgers Split

By The Associated Press

Junior Gilliam was the hero and goat as the National League champion Brooklyn Dodgers divided a doubleheader with the Philadelphia Phillies yesterday at Brooklyn. Gilliam's sixth-inning triple scored Rube Walker with the deciding run in the Dodgers' 5-4 victory in the opener.

His error with two out in the fifth of the nightcap permitted Richie Ashburn to advance from second to third from where the Philly Speedster scored on a single by Del Ennis with the run that gave the Phils a 2-1 triumph.

The second game was halted after five innings because of darkness.

The St. Louis Cardinals pounded five Chicago Cub pitchers for 15 hits, including three triples and two home runs, to defeat the Cubs 11-6 at St. Louis. Gerry Staley won his 18th victory of the year.

Stan Musial belted in three runs with a two-run homer, his 28th, and a triple. Red Schoendienst hit his 15th home run with Musial on base in the sixth.

A seven-run fourth inning, in which Cal Abrams hit a bases loaded homer, gave the Pittsburgh Pirates an 8-4 victory over the New York Giants in the final game of the season at the Polo Grounds.

Bonus Joey Jay, making his first major league start for Milwaukee, shut out Cincinnati on three hits, to win the bob-tailed second game of a doubleheader, 3-0, today after the Redlegs had taken the opener, 5-3, before a crowd of 36,011, which gave Milwaukee a new National League attendance record.

Rookie Junior Gilliam One Of The Top Stars Of 1953 World Series

By RUSS COWANS
Sports Editor

James "Junior" Gilliam is a solemn-faced, lanky youngster who plays second base for the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Gilliam won the second base job by displaying such good fielding ability that Jackie Robinson, a great ball player, was turned out to pasture.

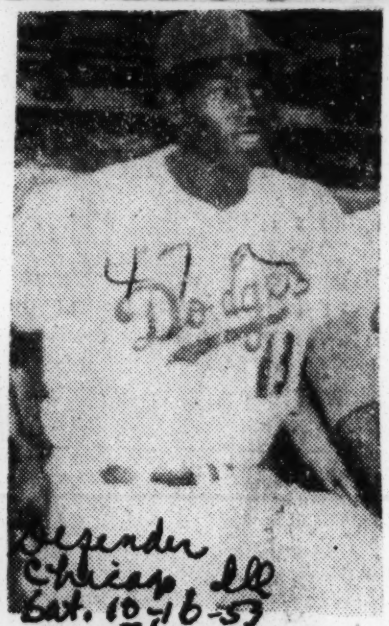
During the 1953 season Gilliam proved his worthiness by his steady fielding, timely hitting and daring base running. He topped the National league in pilfering bases on opposing teams.

When it became apparent the Brooks would oppose their old nemesis — New York Yanks — in the annual world series, there was some question about Gilliam. This was answered by Junior who replied: "It's just another game."

In his first trip to the plate in the opening game Junior blasted a single off Allie Reynolds, Yankee veteran right-hander. A couple of innings later he accounted for the first Dodger run with a homer in the right field stands.

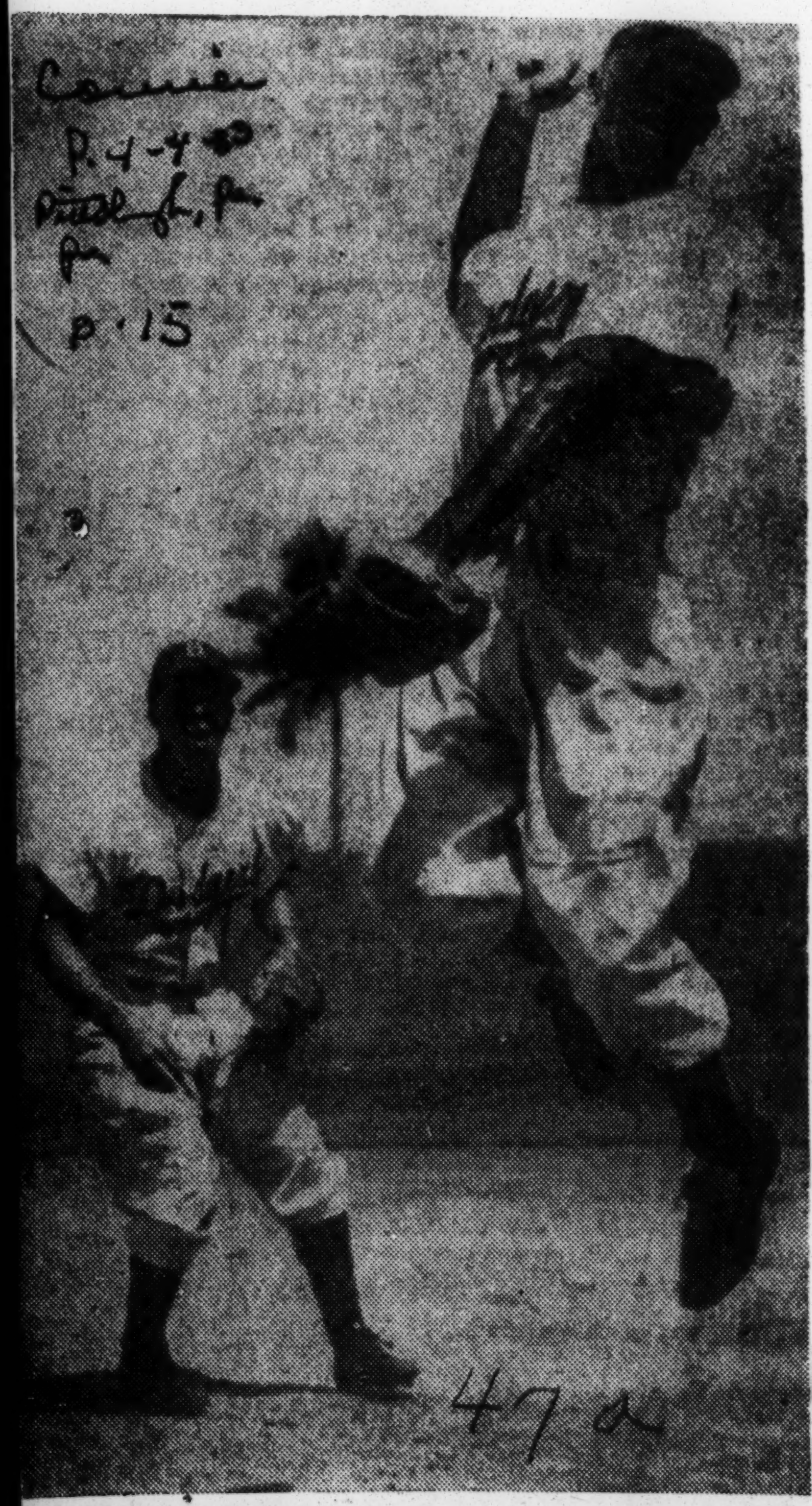
But it was in the fourth game that Junior had his biggest day of the series. He collected three doubles and drove in two of the Dodgers' seven runs.

His first two doubles were of the fluke type. In the first inning he drove a ball to right which Hank Bauer misjudged as he chased the fly into foul territory. Gilliam added his second double when the ball got away from Phil Rizzuto. But his third double was a ringing blow that was not tainted.



JUNIOR GILLIAM

Gilliam, who had his professional start with the Baltimore Elite Giants, is doing all right for himself in his first world series, and all indications are that this kid from Nashville, is just beginning a long and illustrious career.



Real Class Here—Jim (Junior) Gilliam, slick-fielding second baseman of the Brooklyn Dodgers, goes high in the air as he relays to first in time for a twin killing. Pee Wee Reese, who threw to Gilliam, is in the rear. Gilliam, rookie sensation of the spring training circuit, has been working beautifully with Reese around the keystone sack.

TIRED OF PLAYING COUSIN

Milwaukee Braves Take Crack At Brooklyn Tormentors Here

The Milwaukee Braves, who'll meet the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ponce de Leon Park Friday at 3 p. m., have added incentiv. for wanting to stack up a good record against the National League champs on their exhibition tour through the South.

Last season, while winning their third flag in six years, the Dodgers thoroughly humiliated

BROOKLYN, April 2—(AP)—Gil Hodges, Brooklyn's first baseman, will undergo a series of tests in Long Island College Hospital to find out what caused the swelling of his ankles and wrists. Hodges entered the hospital Thursday.

the Braves by winning 18 of 21 games.

If the Dodgers hadn't developed such a profitable friendship with their Boston cousins, they would have had a tough time closing out the New York Giants.

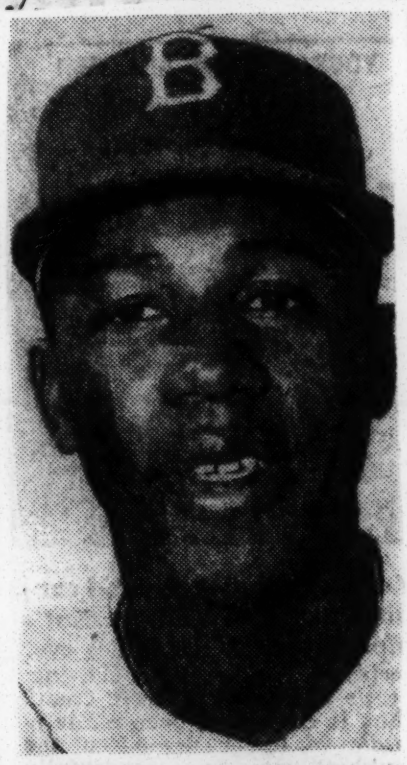
On the other hand, the Braves would have finished within striking distance of the first division, instead of seventh, had they resisted rolling over every time a Dodger was spotted.

Manager Charlie Grimm says things will be different this time. If his Braves don't accomplish anything else, he insists they'll make a good showing against Brooklyn.

This game will mark the only occasion this spring that Poncey patrons will have an opportunity to see two major league clubs in action.

The player many of the fans want to see isn't even on the Dodger roster. He's Junior Gilliam, the flashy Negro second baseman from Montreal, who has been drawing rave notices in Florida this spring.

Gilliam probably will open at



ROOKIE ACE HERE

Bums' Junior Gilliam

the keystone, with Jackie Robinson on third, Pee Wee Reese at short and Gil Hodges at first. Duke Snider, seemingly headed for his finest season; Carl Furillo and George Shuba, former Mobile flychaser, will see duty in the outfield. Roy Campanella draws the catching assignment.

The Braves, rated a much improved outfit by experts on the Florida scene, will have three former Crackers in their starting lineup.

Ed Mathews, a 25-homer man in his freshman N. L. season, will be stationed at third, with Jack Dittmer at second and Ebba St. Claire behind the plate.

Joe Adcock, acquired from Cincinnati, is booked at first base and Johnny Logan rounds out the infield at short.

Another former Cracker, Bob Thorpe, may start in the outfield, though he has been bothered by bad feet and hasn't seen too much action to date.

Bill Bruton, the Negro speedster from Milwaukee, will be in center and Andy Pafko in right. Sid Gordon may man the other post.

Neither Grimm, nor Brooklyn's Chuck Dressen has announced his pitching choice. —OUTLAR.

Braves Bounce Dodgers, 11-3

NEW ORLEANS, April 2—(AP)—The Milwaukee Braves turned on the Brooklyn Dodgers Thursday and whacked them, 11-3, before 8,000 in Pelican Stadium.

Not even Joe Black could stop Charlie Grimm's sluggers. The relief artist started and was drubbed for five runs on four hits in as many innings, including homers by Ed Mathews and Ebra St. Claire.

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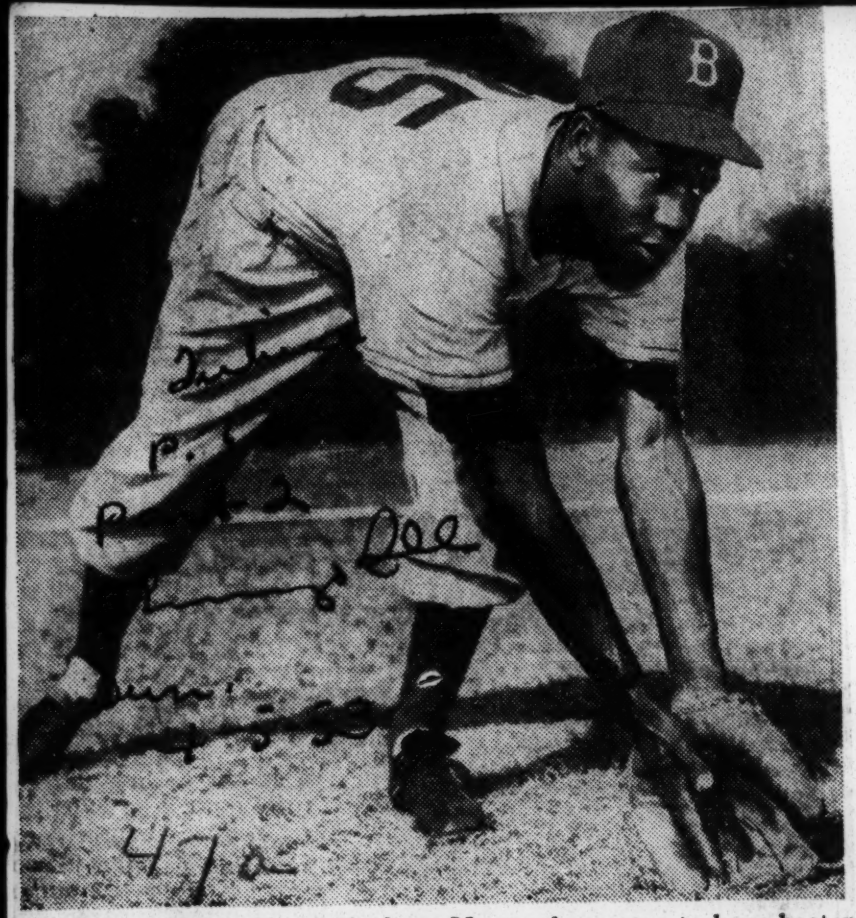


Junior Gilliam, 24, rookie from Montreal, appears to have beaten Jackie Robinson out of the Dodgers' second base job. Robinson has moved to third, nudging Billy Cox into an utility role.

Sports of The Times

By ARTHUR DALEY

A Job for Junior

"THANKS, Junior," said Roy Campanella as he took the bat from the 14-year-old batboy. Even happy-go-lucky Roy felt a bit self-conscious as he hefted the warclub. The batboy was gazing at him with hero-worshiping eyes. Campy patted him on the back.

"I've been watching you fielding grounders during batting practice, Junior," added the cheerful Roy. "You're gonna be a great ballplayer some day."

Campy didn't have the faintest idea who the boy was or what his name was. He was just a willing kid whom everyone called Junior.

That was ten years ago when Campy caught for the Baltimore Giants and Junior Gilliam was the visiting team batboy in Nashville. Neither dreamed they'd ever be team-mates on the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Straining imagination more, Gilliam got his berth by muscling out of the regular second-base job as doughty a performer as Jackie Robinson. It wasn't a true muscle effort, however. If Jackie were not such an extraordinarily skilled and versatile athlete, he couldn't have been budged. But because he is so talented, he willingly stepped aside for Junior.

Generous Admission

"If I must be painfully frank about it," says Robinson with a grin, "I'll have to admit that Junior covers more ground than I could cover. He can make plays I no longer can reach."

"He can make all the plays," says Peewee Reese. "Perhaps his arm could be stronger on the double-play, but he has shortened his throw and gets the ball away faster. Being smaller than Jackie, he's easier to take out on a double-play. Other than that, though, the kid's got all the answers."

"He's the best lead-off man I've ever had in Brooklyn," says Manager Charlie Dressen. "He has a good eye in drawing walks and has the added advantage of being a switch hitter. He's fast and a good base stealer."

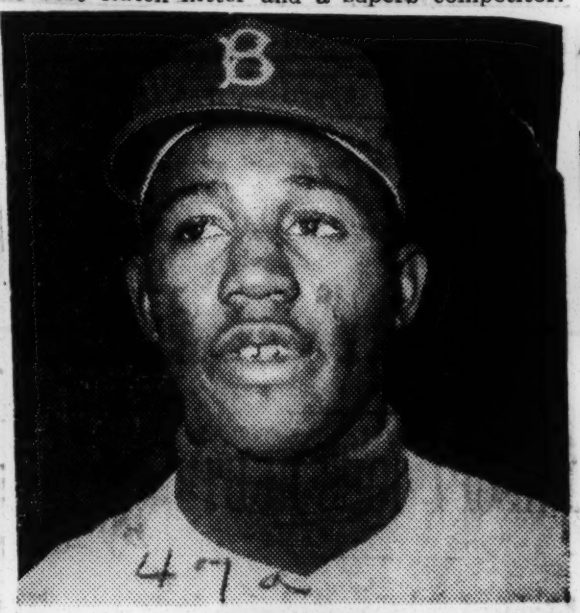
"The kid keeps surprising me," says Campanella. "Time after time I've seen a batter slash one through the hole. 'It's gonna be a hit,' I tell myself. Doggone, if that kid don't ketch the ball."

Junior, as usual, said nothing.

Well Recommended

Young Mr. Gilliam was no stranger to the Dodger Brain Trust when he reported at the Vero Beach camp this spring. He had been voted the Most Valuable Player in the International League last year. Although most of his labors had been at second he'd also filled in at third and in the outfield, "when they didn't have nobody else to play."

Junior was an instant sensation in the field at second and promptly started the wheels churning in Dressen's mind. What to do with him? Robinson obviously wasn't so fast as he'd once been. But Jackie still was the heart of the team, the best clutch hitter and a superb competitor.



Junior Gilliam

Before Dressen was fully aware of what he was doing, he'd shifted Robinson to third and installed Gilliam at second. Later on Jackie was moved over to first as a replacement for the slumping Gil Hodges and just the other night took a turn in the outfield.

Perhaps that three-inning outfield chore demonstrated better than anything else Robinson's tremendous versatility. He had only one chance, but it was the toughest kind of play, a sinking line drive that Monte Irvin hammered his way. Shots like that have been known to handcuff experienced outfielders. Robinson, the novice, deftly snared it like the great old pro he is.

Secure at Second

But because Jackie can play well anywhere, the road was smoothed for Gilliam until he now seems a fixture at second base. His hitting is adequate although he's no distance slugger and his fielding has shortened those holes in the inner defenses.

Had Junior always been a switch hitter?

"Nope," said Junior, "I uster hit only rightie." He made no attempt to elaborate. Why the change?

"I couldn't hit curves," he said. "So George Scales, my coach, taught me to hit lefty. It took me maybe a season and a half to learn, but I can now hit as good from either side, although my best power is right-handed."

What discovery had he made as to the difference between major league and minor league ball? Junior smiled and shook his head.

"They're so much smarter up here," he sighed. "Not only is everyone smarter but the pitchers have better control."

A few weeks ago Daryl Spencer brazenly scored from second on him while Junior carelessly neglected to throw home. Was that what he meant by smartness?

"Nope," he said ruefully. "I've seen that done in the minors and I've even done it myself. I just fell asleep. There was no excuse. It did teach me to be alert."

"He won't make that mistake again," laughed Robinson. "That's the one thing about this kid that's impressed me. He learns fast. You only have to tell him something once."

Second Sacker Is Playing Key Role In Dodgers' Bid

By W. ROLLO WILSON

NEW YORK—Jim Gilliam, rookie second baseman, has proved that he is no meteorite flashing across the baseball heavens, but is a fixed star in that constellation which is the Brooklyn Dodgers. His work in the World Series, after a fine season in the spot from which he displaced Jackie Robinson, has definitely determined his status. Competent is the name for Junior.

Going into the fifth game of the current classic, the 24-year-old lad from Nashville, Tenn., had a .316 batting average based on 6 hits in 19 times at bat. He

IN THE FOURTH game at Ebbets Field on Saturday, he had had driven in three runs and had had three doubles and a home run.

three consecutive two-baggers. His sparkling fielding has helped to make the inner cordon of the Bums the best defensive unit in the big leagues.

Although his father has been dead since he was 2, Junior's mother, Mrs. Catherine Gilliam, saw to it that he got a public school education in the city of Nashville, Tenn. During the season of 1945, he played with the Nashville Black Volunteers and attracted the attention of the late Tom Wilson, owner of the Elite Giants. The late Vernon Green, co-owner and business manager of the club, signed him to play with that outfit which was then berthed in Baltimore.

With Tommy Butts at shortstop, he composed one of the finest keystone [illegible] then operating in the Negro League and where his legs failed and he was dropped by that organization. HOWEVER, GILLIAM, was signed along with Joe Black by the Brooklyn club and sent to their Montreal farm in 1950. In 1950 and 1951, he played with the Royals' outfield, third base and at second base in only a few games. Most of his chores were performed at second in 1952, and he was chosen as the most valuable player in the International League last year.

When Montreal and the Dodgers were in spring training, his work was watched carefully by the scouts and Manager Dressen as he played with the parent team. They decided that they would start the league season

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SAM HARISTON

Sam Hairston Top Candidate For WL Award

By GEORGE REDDEN

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Colorado Springs' star catcher Sam Hariston may be in line for recognition as the Western leagues "most valuable player" this year, following his selection to the all-star team last year.

Baseball scribes of at least two towns have already voted for Hairston chiefly because of his fine handling of the young pitchers. Both Colorado Springs and Wichita sports writers and broadcasters have cast their vote, through the official scorers.

Hairston, voted most popular player by Skysox fans last year, is now in his fourth year with the local team. His hitting has always been a valuable asset, but its the way he handles the hurling staff that proves his ability. Its that experience that has resulted in well-pitched ball games and has been largely responsible for keeping the Sox in first place most of the season.

Hairston is no slouch at the plate. To date he is tied for second place among Skysox batters with a .307 average. He leads the club and the Western league in doubles with 31, and has 76 RBI's.

Last year, Hairston made the all-star team after batting .316 and driving in 98 runs to take second spot in the Western league hitting records.

GIANTS' MONTE IRVIN LEADS NAT'L LEAGUE BATTING RACE

NEW YORK — Heoric Monte Irvin of the New York Giants making a brilliant comeback after missing a year because of an ankle injury, blasted three hits in seven times at bat as the Giants won a doubleheader from the Cincinnati Redlegs Sunday to take over the batting leadership of the National League with an average of .337.

Irvin leads Al (Red) Schoeneist of the St. Louis Cardinals, now out because of an injured eye, by two points. Monte has 114 hits including 17 home runs in 338 times at bat. He is fourth in runs batted in with 78.

In the cleanup position, Irvin has carried the Giants from a second division berth to fourth place and a leading challenger of the Brooklyn Dodgers in the 1953 pennant race.

Helping Monte and the Giants is Henry Thompson, now playing third base as he did three years ago. He is pounding the ball for a .320 average. He has smashed 19 four baggers to lead his team.

On the mound rookie Ruben Gomez now has a record of 8 victories against 4 defeats to keep the Giants in contention.

Pacing the league leading Brooklyn Dodgers are the old reliables, second baseman Jackie Robinson and catcher Roy Campanella. Jackie is fourth in batting in the league with .322. Campy has regained the runs batted in lead with 90.

Over in the American league Orestes Minoso is still pounding the ball despite the current slump of the Chicago White Sox. Minoso is batting .319, fourth best in the league, and has batted in 66 runs, fifth best.

IN THE MINOR LEAGUES

Several Negro pitchers are doing well in the top minor leageus and may be up major league duty in 1954.

In the top rated Pacific Coast league Jehosie Heard of the fourth place Portland Beavers, is sporting a 12-4 record. Last week his winning streak of eight straight games was halted by Hollywood 3-1. He also lost a second straight tilt to San Francisco 1 to 0.....

In the Class AAA American association Sam Jones of the Indianapolis Indians and Bill Powell of the Toledo team are doing okay. Jones has an 8-3 record with 3.18 earned run average. Powell has an 8-5 won-lost record. Connie Johnson of Charleston with only a 5-5 record has a 3.68 earned run average.

Bob Trice of Ottawa is making history in the International league, a Class AAA loop. Last week he defeated Buffalo 7 to 3 for his 13th victory of the season and his 12th in his last 14 starts. Trice has lost only fives games this season. His victory total is the highest in the league.

He also is a batting star. Used often in pinch-hitting roles, Trice is batting .290. This includes two home runs and five doubles....

Stickwork of Negro minor leaguers is good. Top batting averages are:

Pacific Coast league—Artie Wilson, Seattle, .336, and Lorenzo (Piper) Davis, .308; American Association—Vic Power, Kansas City, 361; Bob Wilson, St. Paul, 339; Luis Marquez, Toledo, 295; Elston Howard, KC, 291; Ibanez, Minneapolis, 291; Dave Pope, Indianapolis, 288; and Sam Jethroe, Toledo, 284.

International league — Ed. (Sandy Amores, Montreal, 330; and Hector Rodriguez, Syracuse, 309; and Texas league Bus Clarkson, Dallas, 319 and Willard Brown, Dallas, 308...

Pitcher James Tugerson now sports a 21-7 record in the Mountain States league. He is the man Mississippi teams will not let play with the Hot Springs Bathers in the Cotton States circuit...

Monte Irvin Gains On Schoendienst In Batting Race

By SHELDON SAKOWITZ

NEW YORK — Monte Irvin may become the New York Giants hitter to win the National League batting championship since Bill Terry's .401 won the crown in 1931. Irvin, climbing steadily the past few weeks, now is right on the heels of pace-setting Red Schoendienst of the St. Louis Cardinals. Schoendienst, who has topped the league since the end of May, is batting .334, while Irvin's average is .331.

During the week Schoendienst went 6 for 25 and lost seven points. Irvin, in moving up from third, gained three points by going 6-for-15. Figures include Monday's games.

Brooklyn's Carl Furillo, is third at .323, followed by Chicagos' Frankie Baumholtz at .321.

In the American League batting derby George Kell of the Boston Red Sox again has pulled away from teammate Billy Goodman. Kell, tied with Goodman for the lead last week, boosted his average to .333, while Goodman slipped back into the runnerup spot with .326.

Kell collected seven hits in 18 trips and raised his average four points. Goodman went 5-for-18 and suffered a three-point decline.

Orestes (Minnie) Minoso of the Chicago White Sox remains third with .322. In going 8-for-23. Minoso skidded two points.

Ted Kluszewski of the Redlegs and Eddie Mathews of the Braves are tied for home run honors in the National League with 28 apiece and Roy Campanella of the Dodgers has the most runs batted in, 82.

In the American League Cleveland's Al Rosen is tops in both departments with 23 homers and 77 RBIs.

Pitching laurels still go to Milwaukee's Lew Burdette and Ed Lopat of the Yanks. Burdette sports a perfect 7-0 won-lost record to lead the National League and Lopat heads the American loop with a 10-1 mark for a .909 percentage.

The Leading Batsmen (based on 200 at bats).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Player And Club	G	AB	R	H	PCT
Schoendienst, S. L.	88	359	70	120	.334
Irvin, New York	81	314	53	104	.331
Furillo, Brooklyn	84	297	49	96	.323
Baumholtz, Chicago	76	305	48	98	.321
Ashburn, Phila.	87	348	63	111	.319
Kluszewski, Cin.	87	339	59	108	.319
Robinson, Brook.	82	289	62	92	.319
Thompson, N. Y.	65	208	50	66	.317
Lockman, N. Y.	65	208	60	66	.317
Bell, Cincinnati	87	346	65	108	.312

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Kell, Boston	77	267	43	89	.333
Goodman, Boston	67	264	39	86	.326
Minoso, Chicago	88	323	73	104	.322
Vernon, Wash.	90	355	55	113	.318
Mantle, N. Y.	79	302	68	96	.318
Rosen, Cleve.	88	329	53	103	.313
Kuenn, Detroit	88	380	50	118	.311
Suder, Phila.	81	325	34	99	.305
Mitchell, Cleve.	77	287	45	87	.303
Umphlett, Boston	78	286	29	86	.301

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Batted .325 in 1951

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Baumholtz Follows Irvin

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Behind Kell and Goodman in the American League came Ed Lopat, who stopped the Minnie Minoso. of the Chicago surging Chicago White Sox on New York Yankee southpaw

Rosen And Irvin Head Hit Parade

NEW YORK, Aug. 24 (AP)—Both major league batting races still are wide open affairs today as the 1953 season swings into its last five weeks of play.

In the American League scramble Al Rosen of the Cleveland Indians leads the hitting list with a .326 average, but Washington's Mickey Vernon is right on his heels at .325. Orestes (Minnie) Minoso of the Chicago White Sox, in third place, remains in contention at .318.

Monte Irvin of the New York Giants tops the National League batsmen with a .338 mark with St. Louis' Red Schoendienst in close pursuit at .337. Third-ranking Jackie Robinson of the Brooklyn Dodgers trails with .332, followed by Cincinnati's Ted Kluszewski in fourth with .331.

Hank Bauer of the Yanks holds down fourth with .310 and Billy Goodman of the Red Sox and Mickey Mantle of the Yanks share fifth place with .306 apiece.

With Irvin on the shelf with an injured ankle, Schoendienst bolted right back into the thick of the National League chase. The switch-hitting second baseman, third a week ago, hiked his average six points on 11 hits in 23 at bats. Irvin, after being sidelined since Aug. 9, failed to get a hit in a pinch-hitting role and he lost one point.

Eddie Mathews of Milwaukee retains his home run supremacy with 39 and Brooklyn's Roy Campanella has driven in the most runs, 115.

Ed Lopat of the Yanks and Lew Burdette of the Braves continue to lead their respective leagues in pitching percentage. Lopat tops the American League with a 13-2, .867 mark, while Burdette is National League pace-setter with a 122 won-lost record for a .857 percentage.

Irvin Closes On Furillo

Monte Irvin is looking to overhaul the National League batting leader, Carl Furillo, this weekend when the Giants play a three-game series with the Pirates at the Polo Grounds.

Irvin is within two points of Furillo in his bid for the batting crown. The Giants' slugger tingled twice in four trips yesterday to increase his average to .342. Eight games, six with the Bucs, remain on the Giant schedule.

Irvin batted .500 in the two games in Cincinnati and if he can continue his torrid pace he'll be a cinch to become the first Giant to win the batting championship since Bill Terry accomplished the feat with a .401 average in 1930.

Mueller Has Chance.

Winning batting titles is nothing new to Irvin. He was the champ of the Puerto Rican League several years ago and he also led the Negro National League while playing for the Newark Eagles.

While Irvin is pressing Furillo, his teammate, Don Mueller, continues to cling to an outside chance at the crown. Mueller, with two hits yesterday, is hitting .336.

The 33-year-old Irvin has given every indication that he'll be able to make an even greater comeback next season. Monte has been hampered by his injured right ankle this year, but with another winter to rest, he should be able to play every day in '54.

Monte Irvin Third Best As 'Comeback'

NEW YORK. —(CNS)— Now touring Japan with the all-star New York Giants, Monte Irvin, who shattered his left ankle back in the spring of last year, was named third as the "greatest comeback" in the '53 league campaign. In first and second places were Carl Furillo and Gil Hodges of the Dodgers. The poll was made by the 179 baseball writers of the Baseball Writers association.

Sports of The Times

By ARTHUR DALEY

The Big Fellow

MONTE IRVIN slid into third base in Denver on April 2 last year. His spikes caught in the ground and his right ankle crumpled. So did Giant pennant hopes. Maybe the Polo Grounds tenants never could have retained their championship anyway. But they didn't have a ghost of a chance once their biggest gun was silenced.

As Monte lay writhing in pain, ankle contorted at a grotesque angle, hard-boiled ballplayers had to turn away from the sickening sight. Willie Mays, whose single had chased Irvin to third and into an unnecessary slide, ran across the diamond, sobbing uncontrollably. At the moment no one thought of what the injury meant to the team itself. They were thinking only of the popular Monte, a man who had won their respect and admiration.

It wasn't until later that the delayed jolt hit them all. Then it was realized that they had lost their biggest run producer and clutch performer. Even before the season had begun they were faced with an impossible task. Leo Durocher achieved a junior-sized miracle in restoring morale. But even he must have known deeply in his heart how hopeless it was without Irvin.

Monte Irvin

Ready to Resume

Just the other day Horace Stoneham signed his big fellow to a new contract at the old rate of $25,000 per annum. The smiling Monte flaunted his leg for the benefit of photographers and announced that it was better than ever. Much will depend on how sound that damaged ankle really is.

The overanxious and always-willing Irvin returned to action much earlier last season than doctors had forecast. Although he hit .310 in forty-six games, he was used most sparingly. There was no alternative. Monte could run only in a straight line. He didn't do that well or fast, either. He couldn't twist, veer or change direction. If he was a starting outfielder, he was quickly relieved once a game seemed won or lost. Most undependable was Monte Irvin, normally the most dependable of all the Giants.

The powerfully built slugger claims that he will be as good as ever this year. Yet he still will have to wear a basketball-type shoe to support the ankle, so badly was it fractured. It's also well to remember that Monte is not a young boy with fast recuperative powers. He's almost 34 years old and old bones never heal so swiftly or so completely as young ones.

Delayed Start

Monte really reached full flower in 1951. He was the league leader in runs-batted-in with 121 and hit a solid .312. He hit with power, too, as his twenty-four homers attest. He was a swift-moving, sure-handed outfielder and he threw just about the same as he hit—line drives.

It will be a long time before his exploits in the 1951 world series are forgotten. The big fellow slashed away for a .458 average. He made sensational catches and throws. He brazenly stole home.

That's why everyone expected so much of him in 1952. But he never had the chance. The pity of it, of course, was that opportunity came so late for him. Not until he was 30 did he even reach the big leagues. If he ever had come up at the same age as the 'Mazing Mays, there's just no telling what heights of stardom he might have reached.

It wasn't often that he would discuss the might-have-been. He did it then only after prodding and not with feelings of malice or injustice.

The Lost Decade

"I'm not half the ballplayer now," he'd say a trifle wistfully, "as I was ten years ago." Then he'd merely shrug those huge shoulders and grin.

It's enough to stir the imagination. He must have been a lot like Mays, maybe not quite so fleet afoot but certainly more powerful because he's a bigger man.

It's odd when you look back on the fortunes of the Giants in 1952 to discover how inextricably bound they were in the fates of Irvin, who was an older Mays, and of Mays, a younger Irvin. After Monte cracked up there was some frantic patchwork done. It was strictly patchwork, though. But that never showed until the Army grabbed Willie the Wonder in May.

Then the team fell apart. The double strain was too much. Durocher juggled personnel to no avail. The pitchers found the burden too heavy. They couldn't win without Irvin's booming bat and Mays' miraculous glove. Even Sal Maglie developed a muscular kink in his back and was sidelined for a month.

There was a rally right near the end but it was too little and too late. The Dodgers halted their slump after getting a bad scare and straightened away to win quite comfortably by four and a half games.

If Irvin is as completely recovered as he thinks he is, the coming season can be a most interesting one. But he will have to regain full mobility as a full-time operative. There are some appealing rookies just released by the Army who could make considerable difference.

But the big man still will be Monte the Mighty. He is the key to Giant pennant hopes.

All's Well—Monte Irvin, New York Giants outfielder, smiles broadly as he puts his leg up for the inspection of Giant President Horace Stoneham. The scene was the office of the Giant prexy last week when Irvin signed his contract for the coming baseball season calling for about $25,000. Irvin broke his ankle in a slide to third base during a Denver exhibition game last April 2.

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Irvin Signs '53 Giants' Contract

OUTFIELDER GETS REPORTED $25,000

Irvin's Salary With Giants Same as in Previous Deal, Club Owner Indicates

INJURED ANKLE IMPROVES

Player Expects to Be Fully Recovered by Summer—Will Start Training on Feb. 23

By LOUIS EFFRAT

With the declaration that he would continue to slide into third base, even in exhibition games, Monte Irvin yesterday signed his 1953 contract with the Giants. It was a fractured ankle, suffered in a pre-season contest against the Indians at Denver last April 2, that kept the hard-hitting outfielder out of action until July 27 of the 1952 campaign.

Upon his return, with a special shoe, Monte played in forty-six games, in some of them as a pinch-hitter, and batted .310. He drove in twenty-one runs and poled four homers. More than a few followers of the Giants felt that an able-bodied Irvin, available throughout the season, might have brought the New York club a second straight pennant. Instead, Leo Durocher's club finished second, four and a half lengths behind the Dodgers.

Irvin, it is believed, was signed at the same figures he was paid for 1951, when he led the league with 121 runs-batted-in and batted a strong .312. That would place the outfielder's salary in the neighborhood of $25,000.

No Salary Cuts Thus Far

One fact was established by President Horace Stoneham and Irvin. Monte's salary was not cut. This means the first two signed Giants, Wes Westrum and Irvin, have fared well financially. It was not too good a year for the club and in some quarters it had been believed that slashes would be made.

Irvin said he has been working out three times a week at an Orange, N. J., gymnasium and he is in fairly good condition. He weighs 205 and hopes to reduce ten pounds before the campaign gets under way. Monte will go to Hot Springs, Ark., on Feb. 15 and will report with the pitchers at Phoenix, Ariz., on Feb. 23.

Most important, Irvin's ankle continues to grow strong. "I can move laterally now and that was something I could not do well last Summer," he said. "I can start and stop quickly and I look for a good year with the Giants."

Jansen Comeback Expected

"We should be up there, too, battling the Dodgers, Cardinals and Phillies. Larry Jansen figures to make a comeback and we should continue to get help from George Spencer. I hope to contribute more than I did last year."

Irvin was asked if he thought his absence during most of last year might have hurt the Giants. Monte shrugged his shoulders, but Stoneham quickly answered the question with a snappy "We thought so." Stoneham also was of the opinion that the Giants would have won it all with Irvin in action all the way.

Monte, who will be 34 years old next month, is employed as a beer salesman during the off-season. He leaves for Pureto Rico on business on Saturday and upon his return will make plans to head for Hot Springs.

The New York Times

ANKLE STRONG, CONTRACT GOOD: Monte Irvin, Giants' outfielder, puts right leg on desk of Horace Stoneham, president of the club, to prove his ankle is "as good as ever." Irvin signed contract calling for a reported $25,000.

Monte Gets 7 RBI's

Irvin Has Grand-Slam, Giants Win in 11th

PITTSBURGH —(AP)— Outfielder Monte Irvin batted across seven runs with a three-run double in the first and a grand slam homer in the 11th to extend the New York Giants' wining streak to five games Wednesday night with a 10-7 victory over the last place Pittsburgh Pirates.

Larry Jansen racked up his eighth victory in relief. Johnny Hetki was the loser.

Irvin connected with his first bases-loaded homer and his 13th round-tripper of the year off Hetki, who was charged with his fourth loss.

Jansen relieved Hoyt Wilhelm after the Pirates knotted the contest in the eighth on a two-run bases-loaded single by Cal Abrams.

Wilhelm, making his 41st relief appearance of the year, took over the pitching chores after the Pirates chased starter Jim Hearn with three runs in the sixth.

Whitey Lockman collected four of the Giants 16 hits off three Pirate hurlers. Irvin, Dark, Mueller and Westrum each had two safeties.

NEW YORK	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Lockman, 1b-lf	5	2	4	10	3	0
Dark, 2b	5	2	2	2	2	0
Thompson, 3b	4	2	1	0	2	1
Irvin, lf	5	2	2	1	0	0
Gilbert, 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thomson, cf	5	1	2	2	0	0
Spencer, ss	6	0	0	4	3	0
Mueller, rf	6	0	2	1	0	0
Westrum, c	6	0	2	1	0	0
Hearn, p	3	0	0	2	2	0
Wilhelm, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jansen, p	1	0	1	0	1	0
a-Williams	1	1	0	0	0	0
Koslo, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals—	47	10	16	33	13	2

PITTSBURGH	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Abrams, rf	6	0	2	3	0	0
J. O'Brien, 2b	5	2	2	3	5	1
O'Connell, 3b	6	2	3	0	0	0
Rice, lf	2	0	0	2	0	0
Smih, lf	4	1	1	0	0	0
Thomas, cf	6	1	3	1	0	0
Ward, 1b	4	1	3	14	2	0
Atwell, c	4	0	0	9	0	0
E. O'Brien, ss	4	0	0	1	4	0
Friend, p	2	0	0	0	2	1
b-Pellagrini	1	0	0	0	0	0
Dickson, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
c-Lindell	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hetki, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals—	46	7	14	33	13	2

a-Ran for Jansen in 11th.
b-Flied out for Friend in 7th.
c-Flied out for Dicison in 8th.

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RBI—Irvin 7, Mueller, Smith 3, Thomas, Abrams, Westrum, Ward. 2B—Irvin, Dark, J. O'Brien, Smith, Thomas. 3B—J. O'Brien. HR—Irvin. S—Thomson, Atwell, Dark. DP—Dark, Spencer and Lockman; Ward (unassisted); E. O'Brien, J. O'Brien and Ward. Left—New York 11, Pittsburgh 12. BB—F[illegible]d 3, Hearn 2, Wilhelm 2, Dickson [illegible] SO—[illegible]sen Friend 6, Hearn 4, W[illegible] 2, Hetki, Koslo 1. H[illegible] 1-3 innings; Wilhelm [illegible] sen 1 in 2 1-3; Koslo 4 in 7; Dickson 1 in 1; R and ER—Hearn 3-2, Friend 5-5, Dickson 0-0, J[illegible] Hetki 5-4, Koslo 2-2. HBP—V O'Brien). Balk—Friend. Winr sen (8-7). Loser — Hetki Secory, Roberts, Goetz, Dasc A—7,095.

Sam Jethroe In Scrap For Theft Title

TOLEDO, O - Sam Jethroe is no stranger on the base paths. In fact, mercury-footed Sammy is on of the best base stealers in baseball.

In 1949, Jethroe, then with the Montreal Royals, stole 89 bases to lead the International League. His performance, together with a .326 batting average, moved the Boston Braves to buy him for a reported $100,000.

Sam continued his pilfering activities with the Braves in his freshman year, stealing 35 bases to lead the base thelves in the National league. He also piled up a batting average of .273.

Repeated In Thefts

Flying Sammy came back the following year and repeated his his theft performance, again good enough to lead the league, while hitting .280. But last year Sammy tailed off to 28 stolen bases and his batting average dropped to .232.

This spring when Bill Bruton, reported to the Braves, and immediately began to hit the ball and field in flawless fashion, Jethroe was sent to the Milwaukee farm team at Toledo.

Jethroe's arrival at Toledo has brought about a base stealng contest between the Toledo outfielder and Don Nicholas of the Charleston team. Nicholas, an outfielder, was sent to Charleston by the Chicago White Sox.

Nicholas was with the Memphis Chicks, Sox farm club in the Southern association last season, and set the loop on fire with 84 thefts to his credit.

FACES STIFF OPPOSITION

Then, too, there's Jack Cassini of the St. Paul Saints who paced the association for three of the past five years in stolen bases. His highest mark was 36 in 1950, with 35 last year. In 1948 he stole 33 while wearing the colors in 1951, has faith in Jethroe.

Tommy Holmes, Toledo manager and pilot of the Boston Braves in 1951, has faith in ethroe.

.."There's no doubt that Sam was the fastest runner in the National league," he said. "Pee Wee Reese is the smartest base runner."

Jethroe got off to a good start getting the first hit for the Toledo team, scoring the first run, and stealing the first base, all of which brought him $10, a suit of clothes, sport shirt and hat.

Sam Jethroe Leads Toledo in 2-1 Victory

Toledo, O., Sept. 18 (AP)—In a finish in which two Louisville runners were thrown out at home in the ninth inning, the Toledo Sox last night gained a 3 to 2 victory over the Colonels for a 2 to 1 lead in the best of seven American association semi-final playoff series.

A crowd of 5,607 boosted attendance for the first three playoff games to 23,407. After an open date today, the clubs resume action at Louisville tomorrow.

The Sox made only three hits, compared with Louisville's eight. Sam Jethroe drove in all three Toledo runs with an infield grounder in the third and a two run triple in the fifth.

Kansas City Wins, 4-3

The Kansas City Blues came from behind in the late innings to beat Indianapolis, 4 to 3, and take a 2-1 lead in their first round playoff series in Kansas City.

Indianapolis held a 3 to 2 lead after six innings but Alex Grammas tied the score in the seventh by clouting an inside the park home run. Elston Howard doubled to open the Kansas City eighth and scored the winning run when Jim Robertson singled to center. Scores:

Louisville	200	000	000	2	8	0
Toledo	001	020	00x	3	3	2

Batteries—Kemmerer, Freeman [7] and Daley; Wall and Kerns.

Indianapolis	020	100	000	3	9	1
Kansas City	101	000	11x	4	12	1

Batteries—Chakalos and Aylward; Coleman, Jones [4], Wright [7] and Robertson.

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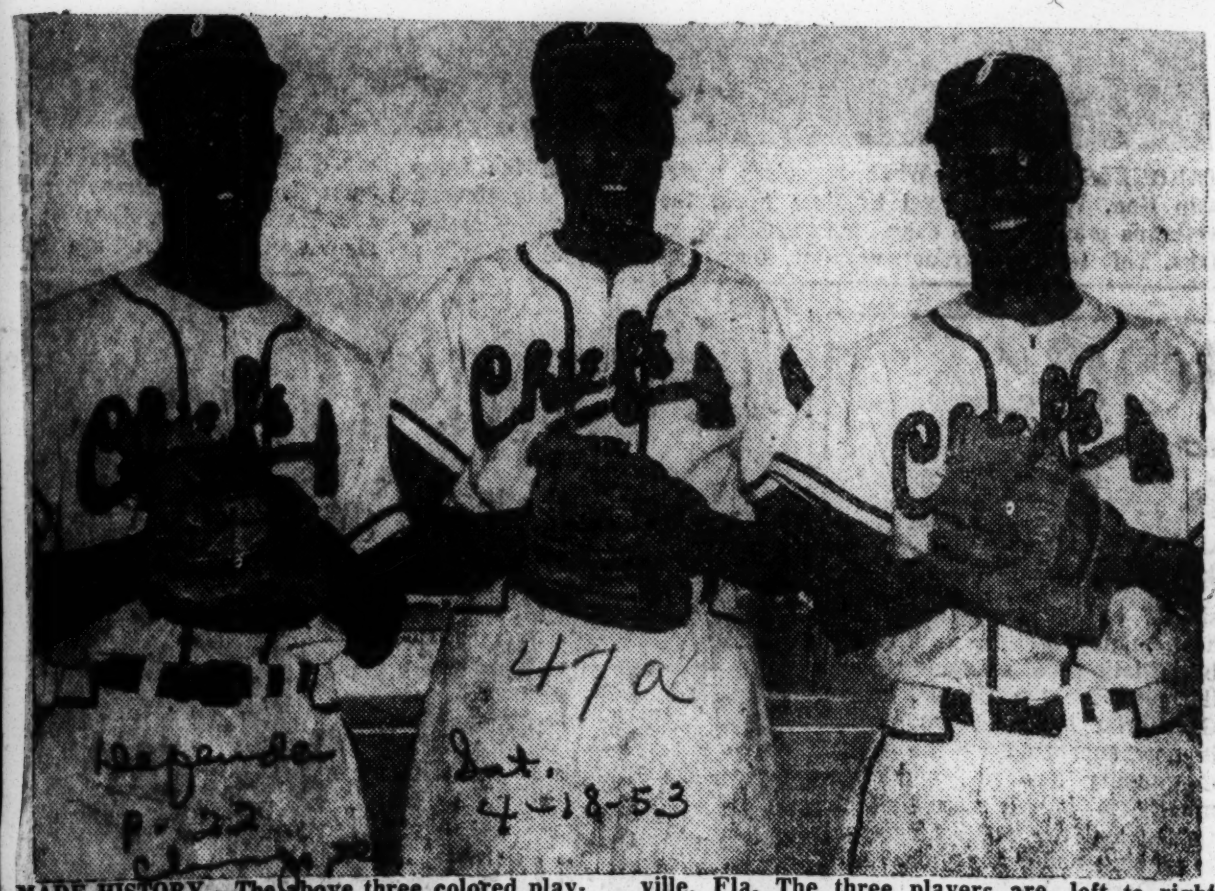

MADE HISTORY.—The above three colored players made history when they opened the Spring exhibition season last week as members of the Jacksonville Braves of the South Atlantic league in a game against the Boston Red Sox in Jacksonville, Fla. The three players are, left to right: Henry "Hank" Aaron, second baseman who belted a 400-foot homer in the eighth for his team's lone run; Horace Garner, right fielder who contributed a single, and Felix Mantilla, Puerto Rican shortstop.

Henry Aaron And Felix Mantilla Shine With Jacksonville Braves

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—(Special) — The precedent-smashing Jacksonville Braves of the Class A South Atlanta league came home last Wednesday from their training quarters at Waycross, Ga., to open a Spring exhibit series with two big league clubs and several clubs of minor league classification.

The new Braves, for many years the Tars, had three colored stars in the opening lineup with the Boston Red Sox of the American league. They also entered the exhibition opener here under new ownership, the club having been bought by the Wolfson Brothers interests, with Sam Wolfson the chairman of the board of directors, and H. B. (Spec) Richardson, still in his post as business manager.

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The local management is pointing this season for a winner and should the club pull in ahead of the other seven clubs, come September, it will be the first time a local club has won a bunting in the Sally Loop since a hatchet was a hammer — 1927 to be more explicit.

As of this writing the Braves, managed by Ben Geraghty, an old hand at managing in the minor loops, have three colored stars as regulars, and another who is being used as utility, but may stay as insurance against injuries to the other colored players, or injuries to any of the whites for that matter.

Henry Aaron, 19-year-old, hails from Mobile, Ala. He is a shortstop, but has been shifted to the second sack where he is starring so far and batting like a Ty Cobb. He played last season with Eau Clair, Wis. He weighs 160 and stands 5'-9". Last season he batted .336, had 25 stolen bases, nine homers, four triples and 19 doubles and was voted Rookie of the Year in the Northern League.

Felix Mantilla, a native of Puerto Rica, played with Evansville in the Class B Three-I league, and was voted Rookie of the Year there. It was his first year as a professional. He is only 18 years old, and is to be the local club's regular shortstop. He batted .323 last season, batted in 57 runs, stole 28 bases, hit 11 homers, six triples and 23 doubles.

General manager John Quinn of the parent Milwaukee club has seen both in action and predicts that they will be with his big club not later than 1955, and maybe next year.

Then there is a young star who has come up from St. Louis, Mo., his native home. He is an outfielder and a slugger deluxe. He has played two years pro ball. He was a teammate of Aaron's season before last, hitting .359 at Eau Claire in 1951 and busting the horsehide last year with Evansville at a .318 clip. He is 28, six feet three and weighs in at 230.

Mixed Wolverine Nine Wins Collegiate Title

OMAHA, Neb. — (ANP) —The interracial Michigan Wolverines beat all-white Texas 7 to 3 last week to win the National Collegiate Athletic association baseball championship. Texas has won the title twice in the last five years.

Playing with the Michigan squad were outfielder Frank Howell and third baseman Dan Eaddy, both regulars.

Howell, a senior, also is a letter man for the varsity football team, and Eaddy a junior, also earned a letter as a basketball star.

Michigan lost only one game—to Texas—as it rolled on to the NCAA title. The Wolverines beat the Longhorns twice during the tourney.

Associated Press Wirephoto

THESE ARE THE BRAVES WHO TIED THE RECORD OF EIGHT HOME RUNS IN A SINGLE GAME

Holding a Baseball For Each They Hit Are (L-R) Jack Dittmer, Johnny Logan, Ed Mathews, Jim Pendleton and Del Crandall

Braves Bash Bucs For 12 Home Runs

Mathews, Pendleton Sock Three Each in Record Rout

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 30—(AP)—The Milwaukee Braves smashed 12 homers to establish three new National League records and tie a major league mark Sunday in sweeping a double-header, 19-4 and 11-5, from the last-place Pittsburgh Pirates.

Eddie Mathews' eighth inning homer with two aboard in the first contest established a new National League record and tied a major league record of eight homers in one game set by the New York Yankees in 1939. Seven clubs held the previous National League mark of seven homers in one game.

Joe Adcock's inside the park homer with one aboard in the seventh inning of the nightcap enabled the Braves to eclipse National League records of 10 homers in two consecutive games and of nine homers in a double-header.

The Pirates set the two-game record in 1925 and the double-

MILWAUKEE	AB	H	O	A
Bruton, cf	5	2	3	
Logan, ss	6	2	1	
a-Sisti	0	0	0	
M'th'ws,3b	5	2	2	
Han'b'k,3b	0	0	0	1
Adcock,1b	5	3	5	0
Crowe, 1b	0	0	4	0
Crandall,c	5	2	5	0
St.Claire,c	0	0	1	1
Pen'ton,rf	5	4	3	0
Gordon,lf	1	1	1	0
b-Thorpe	2	0	1	0
Dittmer,2b	5	3	1	2
Roach, 2b	1	0	0	0
Antonelli,p	5	1	0	0
Totals	**45**	**20**	**27**	**9**

PITTSBURGH	AB	H	O	A
Bernier,lf	5	0	4	0
O'Con'll,3b	5	1	2	2
Abrams,rf	4	1	2	0
Thomas,cf	4	0	2	1
L.O'B'n,2b	4	0	3	4
E.O'B'n,ss	4	2	2	3
Ward, 1b	4	1	8	0
Sandlock,c	2	1	3	1
c-Janowicz	2	0	1	0
Lindell, p	1	1	0	0
Hall, p	0	0	0	0
d-Pel'g'ni	1	0	0	0
Waugh, p	0	0	0	0
e-Cole	1	1	0	0
Bowman,p	0	0	0	0
f-Koback	1	1	0	0
Totals	**38**	**9**	**27**	**11**

a—Ran for Logan in 8th
b—Ran for Gordon in 6th
c—Lined out for Sandlock in 7th
d—Flied out for Hall in 5th
e—Singled for Waugh in 7th
f—Tripled for Bowman in 9th

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R—Bruton 2, Logan, Sisti, Mathews, Adcock, Crandall 2, Pendleton 5, Gordon 2, Dittmer 2, Antonelli, J O'Brien, E O'Brien, Ward, Sandlock, E—Abrams, Hall, Pendleton, Bruton, Hanebrink, RBI—Dittmer 4, Mathews 4, Pendleton 5, Antonelli, Logan 4, Crandall, Lindell, Cole, 2B—Sandlock, Dittmer, 3B—Bruton, Koback, HR—Mathews 2, Pendleton 3, Logan, Crandall, Dittmer, S—Antonelli, DP—Dittmer, Logan and Adcock, Left—Milwaukee 8, Pittsburgh 7, BB—Lindell 4, Hall 1, Waugh 2, Bowman 1, SO—Lindell 2, Hall 1, Bowman 1, Antonelli 6, HO—Lindell 6 in 3, Hall 5 in 2, Waugh 5 in 2, Bowman 4 in 2, R-ER—Lindell 5-5, Hall 4-1, Waugh 6-6, Bowman 4-4, Antonelli 4-2, W—Antonelli (11-9), L—Lindell (5-16), U—Pinelli, Bogges, Engeln and Stewart, T—2:41.

SECOND GAME

MILWAUKEE	AB	H	O	A
Bruton, cf	3	1	1	0
a-Crandall	1	0	0	0
Thorpe, rf	1	1	0	0
Logan, ss	5	3	2	5
M'th'ws,3b	5	2	4	1
Adcock, 1b	4	1	7	0
Cooper, c	4	0	6	0
Pen'ton,rf	4	1	2	0
Gordon, lf	4	2	1	0
Dittmer,2b	4	1	4	4
Buhl, p	1	0	0	1
Liddle, p	1	0	0	0
Totals	**37**	**12**	**27**	**11**

PITTSBURGH	AB	H	O	A
Abrams,rf	3	0	2	0
O'Con'll,3b	5	2	2	3
Rice, lf	4	3	1	0
Thomas,cf	5	0	3	0
Ward, 1b	4	0	10	3
Atwell, c	4	3	3	0
J.O'B'n,2b	5	3	4	3
E.O'B'n,ss	4	1	2	4
L'Palme,p	3	1	0	3
Hetki, p	0	0	0	0
b-Bernier	1	0	0	0
Friend, p	0	0	0	0
Totals	**38**	**13**	**27**	**16**

a—Flied out for Bruton in 7th
b—Struck out for Hetki in 8th

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R—Bruton, Logan 2, Mathews 2, Adcock, Pendleton, Gordon 2, Dittmer 2, Abrams, O'Connell, Atwell, J. O'Brien, LaPalme, E—Mathews, Ward, E. O'Brien, RBI—Logan 2, Mathews 3, Crandall, Adcock 2, Gordon, Rice, J. O'Brien 2, 3B—Logan, HR—Logan, Mathews, J. O'Brien, Adcock, Gordon, S—Buhl, Liddle, DP—Dittmer, Logan and Adcock; Logan, Dittmer and Adcock; J. O'Brien and Ward, Left—Milwaukee 1, Pittsburgh 12, BB—Buhl 4, Liddle 2, SO—Buhl 2, LaPalme 1, Liddle 3, HO—Buhl 9 in 5, LaPalme 9 in 6 2-3, Hetki 2 in 1 1-3, Liddle 4 in 4, Friend 1 in 1, R-ER—Buhl 5-4, LaPalme 9-4, Hetki 2-1, Liddle 0-0, Friend 0-0, WP—LaPalme, W—Liddle (6-4), L—LaPalme (6-15), U—Boggess, Engeln, Stewart and Pinelli, T—2:15, A—9,458.

TRIUMPHANT RETURN—Bill Bruton, rookie centerfielder of the Milwaukee Braves, waves to baseball fans lining Wisconsin ave., Milwaukee's main stem, as the Braves return to the city for the National League opener this week. A former Milwaukee minor league player, Bruton returned as a star of the Milwaukee major league team's opening day 2-0 victory over Cincinnati. He is flanked by Dorothy Ihling, left; and Janet Schmidt, right. Tuesday, he knocked a homer in the 10th inning to give the Braves a 3-2 win over the Cards.

Bill Bruton Sparks Braves' Victory

Rookie Stars In Milwaukee's Debut

Fields Brilliantly, Gets Two Hits; Surkont Hurls 3-Hitter

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Rookie Bill Bruton, playing his first major league game as a regular, provided the hitting impetus which propelled the Milwaukee Braves to a 2-0 opening day victory here Monday

Playing as a major league representative of Milwaukee for the first time in 50 years the Braves defeated the Cincinnati Reds in the National League opener before 30,103 shivering fans.

Bruton's hitting and classy fielding combined with brilliant three-hit pitching by the veteran Max Surkont were highlights in the Braves' triumph.

Gets Two Hits

Lead-off man for the Braves, Bruton singled to left, stole second as two men were going out, then tallied on Sid Gordon's safety. This run proved enough to win as Surkont's sliders and fast balls silenced the Reds.

Bruton doubled in the third but was left stranded. For the day, Bill got two hits in four times at bat, stole a base and scored one run. Besides he was a standout in centerfield.

Twice Bruton choked off Cincinnati rallies with leaping one-handed catches in front of the temporary seats in centerfield.

Praised By Pilot

A graduate of the Milwaukee American Association club of 1952 where he hit.325, Bruton drew raves of praise from teammates, fans and officials

Jolly Cholly Grimm, Braves manager, talking about the game in the dressing room, declared: "Why the kid (Bruton) has been making those catches all spring. And he will be making them all season."

Bruton and Surkont were surrounded by back-slapping players as the team prepared to leave for Tuesday's debut in Milwaukee.

After Bruton's first-inning tally, the Braves scored again in the fifth. Del Crandall doubled and scored on Jack Dittmer's single.

The first sensational catch by Bruton came in the third. With one out, Bud Podbielan, who went eight innings for the Reds, was safe on Dittmer's error.

John Temple fanned, but Bobby Adams singled to move Podbielan to second. Then Willard Marshall poked a pitch high and far to the temporary stands.

Bruton backed against the low fence, waited as the ball fell, then leaped high to snare the fly with a one-handed catch.

Duplicates Feat

In the ninth, Bruton made the same kind of sensational catch on Adam's towering drive which appeared headed for a ground-rule double into the stands.

In all, Bruton handled six chances in center without error.

The 23-year-old rookie made an auspicious debut. The Braves are Milwaukee's first major league representative since 1901.

CHANGE OF PACE

Some Hope, Even in Mississippi

By BILL NUNN JR.

The deplorable action of the Cotton States League last week in tossing the Hot Springs, Ark., baseball team out of the circuit rather than let two Negroes, Jim and Leander Tugerson perform, cannot be condoned by any sense of the imagination. The move was not only a black mark against organized baseball . . . which cannot stand too many more smears on an already soiled record . . . it was an insult to every decent sports fan, regardless of his race or his color.

Bill Nunn Jr.

Since Mississippi played a paramount part in the banning of the Tugersons we think a column written by the Delta Democrat Times, a paper in that state, is worthy of mention. It shows that even in Mississippi there are people with a true sense of value. People who have grown a lot more in stature over the years than the small, petty people who run a low class league. The column reads:

"It seems to us that the furor over the possible use of Negro baseball players in the Cotton States League has outgrown the immediate importance of the issue.

"These are some of the facts. Negro ball players are on the rosters of major and minor leagues outside of the South and are in the lineups of two Southern minor leagues, the South Atlantic and the Texas. Hot Springs, in the Cotton States League, has signed two Negro ball players. Other of the league members have objected. The Attorney General of Mississippi has ruled in effect that it is against the policy of the state's segregation laws to permit interracial ball teams from playing in the state.

"Now what about the significance? We are not convinced that a third-rate baseball league is any place to make a fight for equal rights because entertainment and not need is involved. Personally, we have no objection to watching a baseball game or a basketball game or a football game or a prizefight or any other sports event in which Negroes participate with white players.

"To the contrary we believe that the excellent performance of American Negroes in national and international interracial competition provide a good answer to the propaganda of our Communist adversaries who say that the Negro has no chance in America. After all, the Cotton States League is not America.

"The principal point we want to make is that young Americans today are playing a game which in some aspects resembles baseball, but which is being played for eternal keeps, and there's no yapping about who makes up the team. They do a lot of throwing and some batting in that game, and there are a lot of substitutions in the lineup. But we doubt that the players worry about the color of the newcomers. They happen to be chunking grenades instead of baseballs and batting out the brains of Communists with rifle butts instead of socking baseballs with baseball bats, and we don't think that many GIs from Mississippi are objecting in Korea if some dark-skinned fellow-soldier is the boy who makes the strikeout or the home run.

"In other words, why can't we realize we're living in a world which is a lot more concerned about saving mankind's undeserving skin than in the skin color of baseball players?"

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After Bill Bruton, the Milwaukee Braves rookie centerfielder sensation, scaled an embankment and pulled in a 400-foot drive from the bat of Brooklyn's Duke Snider in an Atlanta, Ga., exhibition game recently, a flabbergasted fan yelled, "that man moves so fast he singes the outfield grass." Incidentally, the 4,033 fans who witnessed that game between the Dodgers and the Braves was the smallest turnout Jackie Robinson has ever drawn in Atlanta as a member of the Bums or on exhibition tours. The game was played on Good Friday.

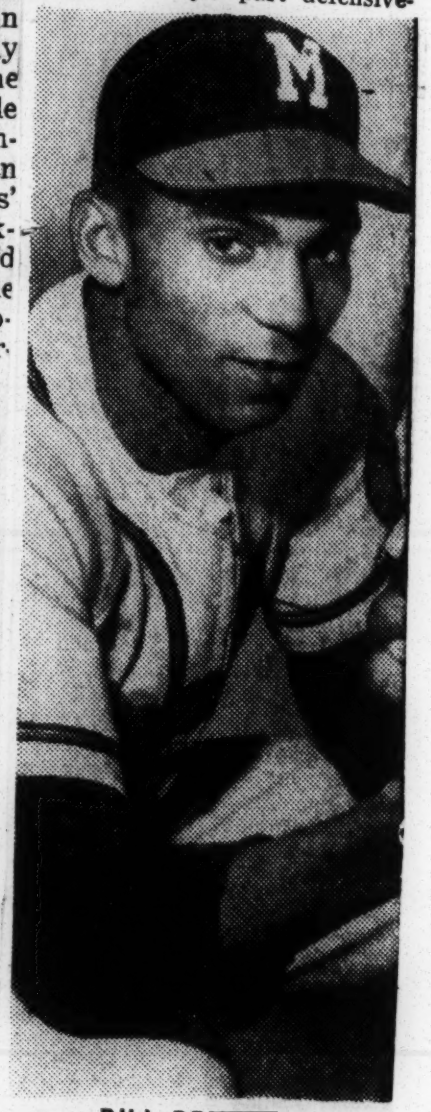
When Milton Campbell, Plainfield, N. J., high school phenom and a second-place winner in the Olympic decathlon, decided that Indiana University was the school of his choice, crying towels from big universities all over the country were put out to dry. Pitt was on the inside track when the Hoosiers moved up fast and on the outside . . . A special train will leave New York City August 15 for Daytona Beach, Fla., and the National American Tennis Association championships slated for Aug. 17 to 22. Acording to Arthur E. Francis, assistant executive secretary of the group, several hundred fans and players are expected to be aboard.

This could be a rumor but those close to the source insist that Reece (Goose) Tatum and Marques Haynes, two of the Harlem Globetrotters biggest gate attractions, are considering flooring their own ball teams next season . . . They've done everything but nail the lid on the coffin of the Negro American League. With only four teams remaining in the circuit the league has all the appearances of Little League baseball . . . Charles White, promising young catcher now playing with San Antone, so impressed St. Louis Browns' Manager Marty Marion when he was working out with the team that the shrewd pilot said he may be recalled before the end of the season. White played with Toronto last year . . . his first season in organized baseball.

Good reading in the 1953 edition of Baseball, a Dell magazine, now on the newsstands . . . Roland LaStarza, who is eager for a title shot at Rocky Marciano, keeps turning a deaf ear when the name of Ezzard Charles comes up . . . Believe it not but letters are already coming into this office from coaches throughout the country who plan to attend the Courier's third annual coaching clinic in Detroit in August. With the two-platoon system being abolished in football, this year's session promises to outdo all others . . . Jimmy Carter is expected to have his hands full when he puts his lightweight crown on the line against Tommy Collins in the Boston Gardens, April 24. Carter ridicules the reports that he is on his last legs.

Bruton Gets TV Tip From Frisch

NEW YORK—(ANP) — Last Tuesday night, after he had played a major part defensive-



BILL BRUTON

ly in defeating the New York Giants, Bill Bruton, sensational young centerfielder of the rejuvenated Milwaukee Braves, appeared on Frank Frisch's TV show.

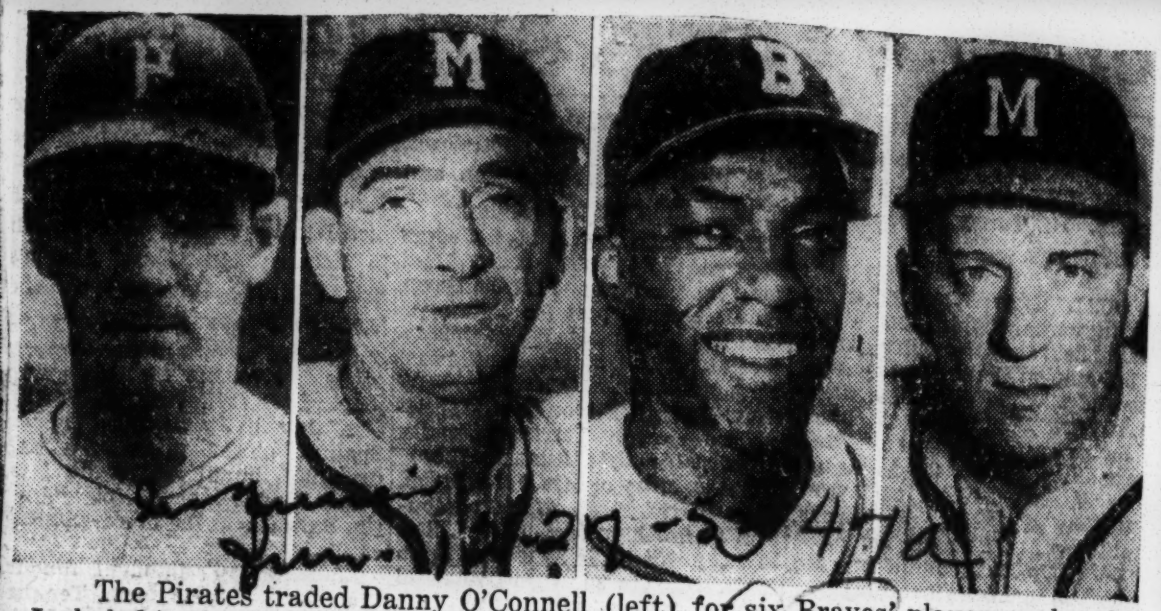
The old Fordham Flash was particularly interested in seeing Bruton and gave him some of the best advice a young player could get.

Frankie asked Bill if he would listen to an old man and when Bruton said yes, Frisch then told him if he tried dragging the ball when a pitcher fed him a slow one instead of trying to bang it out of the park, he'd fool the whole league and add 20 or more hits to his total for the year.

3-2-1 BY ONE, 4'S BY THREE—Joining hands in their dressing room after their triumphant win over the Brooklyn Dodgers, June 3, at Ebbetts field, are three Milwaukee Braves who hit homers, and one who hit a triple, double and a single. Left to right are: Jim Pendleton, who hit his first homer; Rookie Bill Bruton, who hit the 3-2-1 combination; Andy Pafko, who hit a four-bagger; and Ed Mathews, who hit his 15th homer. The Braves won, 14-9. (United Press Photo)

'MIRACLE MEN' OF MILWAUKEE—A topic of conversation with baseball fans today is the amazing success of the league-leading Milwaukee Braves, who hold the edge on every National League team on the road, and possess an unbelievable, 16-4 record at home. Last year at this time the Braves were in seventh place, and closed out the season 32 games behind the league-leading Dodgers.

This year, the five power hitters above have made Doubting Thomases eat their words. They are, left to right: Joe Adcock, Sid Gordon, Ed Mathews, Andy Pafko and Negro rookie standout Bill Bruton, who has been a valuable asset to the Braves with his brilliant fielding in centerfield and his timely batting.



The Pirates traded Danny O'Connell (left) for six Braves' players and cash. Included in the deal were (second from left to right) Sid Gordon, Sam Jethroe and Max Surkont along with three rookie pitchers. (AP Wirephoto)

Bucs' O'Connell Traded for Six Braves and Cash

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 26 (AP).—The Milwaukee Braves sent six players and an undisclosed amount of cash to Pittsburgh today for Danny O'Connell, aggressive Pirate infielder, who thus will play second base for the Braves next year.

General Manager John Quinn said that the swap, which sends veteran left fielder Sid Gordon, pitcher Max Surkont, outfielder Sam Jethroe and three farm club pitchers to the Pirates was "one of the biggest deals in Braves' history.

The young pitchers are Larry Lassale, a southpaw who had a 19-5 record last season with Jacksonville; Curt Raydon, a right-hander who had an 11-7 mark with the same club, and southpaw Fred Waters, who had a 10-10 record with Lincoln of the Western League.

HIGHLY REGARDED PLAYER

O'Connell, not yet 25 and one of the most highly regarded youngsters in the majors, has played shortstop, third and second base. He batted .294 in 149 games this year, driving in 55 runs and hitting seven homers.

Quinn and Pirate General Manager Branch Rickey closed their deal by telephone.

Raydon goes to the Pirate New Orleans farm with the other players going to Pittsburgh.

Quinn said that Braves Manager Charlie Grimm did not want to part with Gordon but that Rickey insisted Sid be included to replace O'Connell at third base.

HIT .274 LAST YEAR

Gordon, 35, has been in the National League since 1943. In 1949, he came to the Braves from New York in the deal for Eddie Stanky and Alvin Dark. He hit .274 last season in 140 games, batting in 75 runs and hitting 19 home runs.

Surkont, 31, has been with the Braves since 1950. He had an 11-5 record in 1953 after a sensational start in which he won nine, lost only one, up to June 16. On May 25, he broke a major league record which had stood since 1900 by striking out eight Cincinnati batters in succession.

Jethroe, 32, cost the Braves $100,000 when the club bought him from Montreal in 1949. He hit .309 for the Braves' American Association farm at Toledo last season, leading the circuit with 137 runs, 109 walks and 120 strikeouts.

RICKEY SATISFIED

In Pittsburgh, Rickey said he was "very well satisfied with the deal," declaring:

"I am particularly pleased with the three youth pitchers we picked up. As for Gordon, I believe he will play good ball for us for at least a year or two. Surkont should do well. I'm not counting too much on Jethroe."

Jethroe is the second Negro on the Pirate roster. Just whether he will remain with the Pirates is problematical.

The first Negro brought up by the Pirates is Curtis Roberts, a young infielder purchased about three months ago from Denver of the Western Association.

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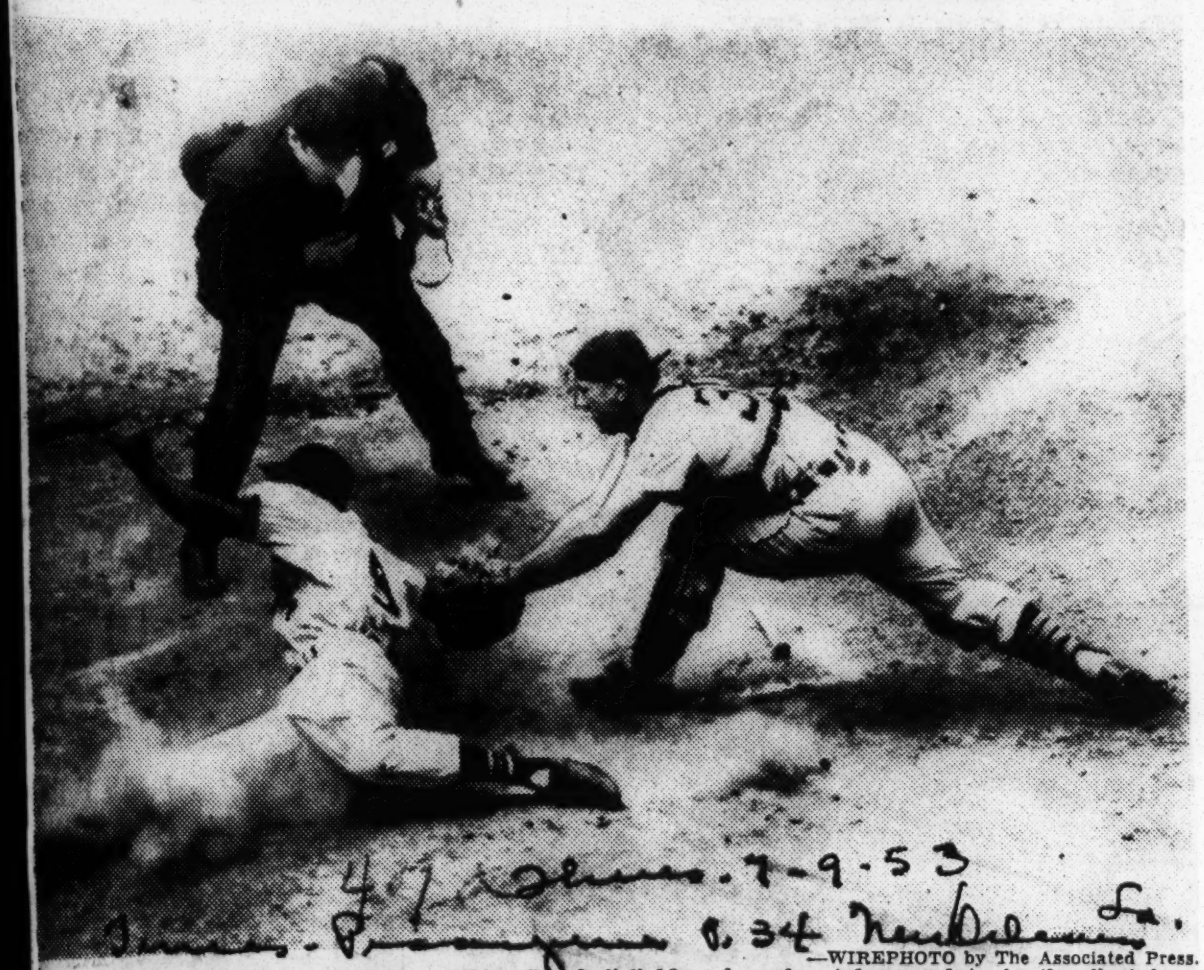
ORESTES MINOSO

Minoso Scores One for the White Sox



—WIREPHOTO by The Associated Press.

SAFE AT PLATE—Minny Minoso, White Sox left-fielder, is safe at home plate in the first inning of game against the Tigers Wednesday at Comiskey Park. Minoso scored from third on Bob Elliott's slow roller to Johnny Pesky, Tigers' second baseman. Catcher Johnny Bucha makes an attempt to tag Minoso. Umpire Art Passarella is calling play.

Minoso's 2 Triples Help White Sox Triumph, 13-4

CHICAGO, July 1 (AP).—Minnie Minoso's two triples drove across five of 10 runs scored by the Chicago White Sox in two innings for a 13-4 crushing of the St. Louis Browns today. A heavy shower delayed the game 55 minutes after the seventh.

Minoso's bases-loaded triple spiced a seven-run sixth which sewed up the third-place Chisox' 15th decision in 18 games and moved them to within five and one-half games of the collapsing Yankees.

Minnie also poked a two-run triple in a three-run third inning as the Sox cut loose with extra-base power that included five doubles, three of them by Nellie Fox, and three-baggers by Jim Rivera and Sam Mele.

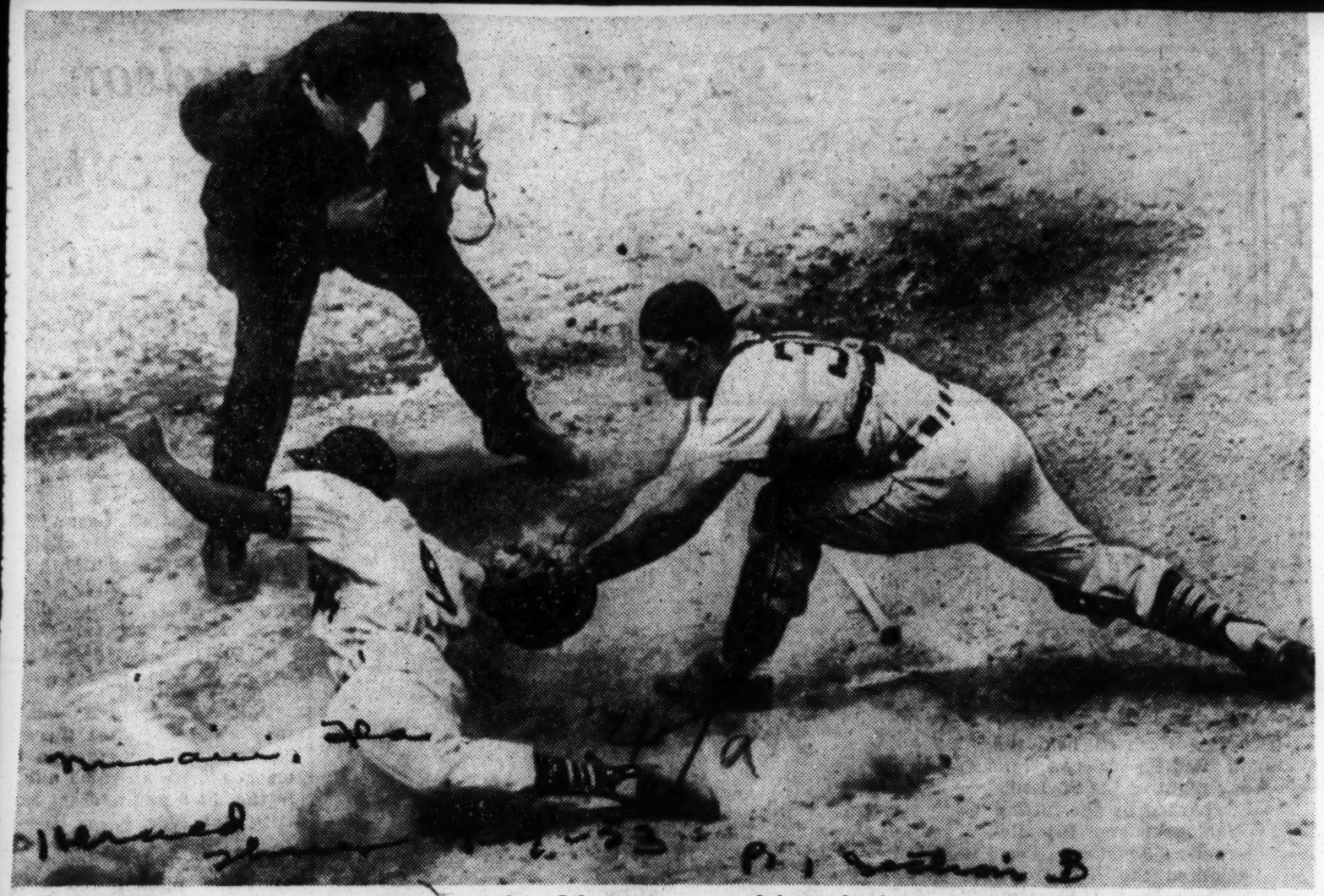
The winner was Saul Rogovin (5-9) but he needed help in the sixth from the Sox deluxe fireman, Harry Dorish.

St. Louis	ab	r	h	o	a	Chicago	ab	r	h	o	a
Groth,cf	5	0	0	0	1	Fox,2b	3	2	3	6	2
Kokos,rf	5	1	1	5	0	Fain,1b	3	2	1	8	2
Sievers,1b	5	0	1	12	0	Minoso,lf	5	2	2	1	0
Lenr'd,lf	5	1	2	2	0	Elliott,3b	5	0	1	0	1
Court'y,c	4	1	2	2	0	Rivera,cf	4	1	1	4	0
Martin,c	0	0	0	0	0	Mele,rf	5	1	1	3	0
Dyck,3b	4	0	1	0	4	Wilson,c	2	0	1	1	0
Young,2b	3	1	3	2	4	b-Stewart	0	1	0	0	0
Hunter,ss	4	0	0	1	7	Lollar,c	1	0	0	2	0
Littlef'd,p	1	0	1	0	0	Marsh,ss	2	0	1	0	4
Lanier,p	1	0	0	0	1	c-Wright	1	1	1	0	0
Stuart,p	0	0	0	0	0	Stephens,ss	1	0	0	0	2
a-Wertz	1	0	0	0	0	Rogovin,p	1	1	0	2	1
Blyzka,p	0	0	0	0	0	Dorish,p	1	2	1	0	0
Hollom'n,p	0	0	0	0	0						
d-Edwards	1	0	0	0	0						
Kretlow,p	0	0	0	0	0						
Totals	38	4	11	24	17	Totals	34	13	13	27	12

a-Flied out for Stuart in 6th.
b-Walked for Wilson in 6th.
c-Singled for Marsh in 6th.
d-Grounded out for Holloman in 8th.

St. Louis	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	— 4
Chicago	0	1	3	0	0	7	2	0	x	—13

E—None. RBI—Kokos, Littlefield, Young 2, Wilson, Minoso 5, Elliott 2, Wright, Dorish, Fox, Fain 2. 2B—Fox 3, Young, Elliott, Fain. 3B—Rivera, Minoso 2, Mele. HR—Kokos. SAC.—Fain, Dorish. DP—Young, Hunter and Sievers; Young and Sievers. LEFT—St. Louis 9, Chicago 5. BB—Rogovin 2, Littlefield 2, Blyzka 2, Holloman 1, Kretlow 1. SO—Rogovin 1, Littlefield 1, Holloman 1. HO—Littlefield, 3 in 2⅓ innings; Lanier, 3 in 2; Stuart, 0 in ⅔; Blyzka, 4 in ⅓; Holloman, 3 in 1⅔; Kretlow, 0 in 1; Rogovin, 7 in 5⅓; Dorish, 4 in 3⅔. R and ER—Littlefield 4-4, Blyzka 7-6, Holloman 2-2, Rogovin 3-3, Dorish 1-1. W—Rogovin (5-9). L—Littlefield (3-7). U—Berry, Stevens, Duffy and Summers. T—2:38. A—4438.



BIG STRETCH, as put on by Detroit catcher Johnny Bucha, just misses as Chicago's Minnie Minoso slides under the tag for one of the 14 runs the Chisox made in thumping the hapless Tigers, 14-4 Wednesday. Minoso scored from third on a fielder's choice ball which Pob Elliott bounced slowly to the Tigers' Johnny Pesky at second. Art Passarella is making the call.

—International News Photo

USE OF NEGRO PLAYERS RECEIVES APPROVAL

George M. Trautman, Minor League Head, Makes Decision

LOOP TO OPEN APRIL 24

By The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 15.—George M. Trautman, president of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues Wednesday ruled, forfeiture of the Hot Springs, Ark., franchise by the Cotton States League was not valid.

Trautman also ruled "The employment of Negro players has never been, nor is now, prohibited by any provision in the major-minor league agreement, the major-league rules or the National Association agreement.

Appeal By Hot Springs

"Whether a National Association club chooses to employ a player of any race, color or creed is a decision for the club itself to make."

The franchise of the Hot Springs club was declared forfeited April 6 on a 5-0 vote by league members, after the Class C team had hired two Negro players, pitchers Jim and Leander Tugerson of Florence Villa, Fla. They were signed as free agents, having played previously with the Indianapolis Clowns.

The Hot Springs club had offered a compromise, promising to use the two players only at home, or in other parks where the home club approved. The Tugersons are brothers.

Hot Springs appealed the loss of its franchise to Trautman, and he said Wednesday:

"The decision is made because the Hot Springs club has not withdrawn its appeal, notwithstanding the fact I have been informed, following a meeting of the Cotton States League on April 14, that the Cotton States League will open its 1953 season on April 24 with eight clubs, including Hot Springs."

Challenged Jurisdiction

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Roy Campanella and Jackie Robinson will be members of the National league All-Star team, and Gretchen Minoso and Larry Doby will be on the American league All-Stars when the two teams meet in Cincinnati, July 14.

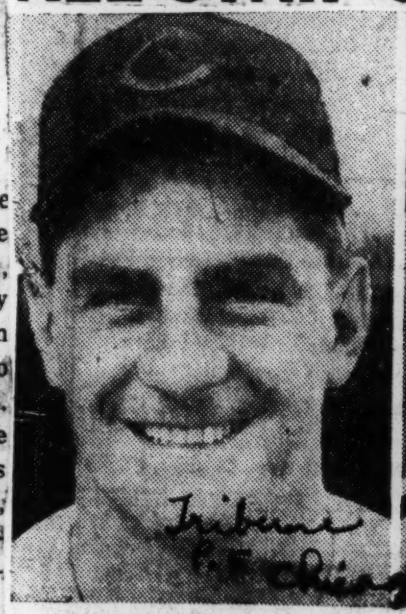
Campanella, by leading the catchers in the votes of the fans for the National league catchers, will be in the starting lineup. Robinson finished second as the National league third baseman.

This will mark Robinson's sixth year on the roster of the National league's All-Star team and Campanella's fifth. However, it marks the first time Jackie has been picked as a third baseman for the team. In his previous times he was picked as second baseman, but with the coming of Junior Gilliam, Jackie was shifted to third base, left field and first base. President Warren Giles said the fans had to vote for Robinson as a third baseman for the All-Star team.

Minoso finished second in the polling for left field in the American league race. Doby had to come from far back to get his selection in centerfield. This will mark Minoso' second selection, and Doby's third.

Manager Charlie Dressen of the Brooklyn Dodgers who will pilot the National league team, will probably select Joe Black as one of his pitchers. Black was primarily responsible for the Dodgers winning the National league flag last year by his great relief work.

NATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYERS VOTED ALL-STAR STARTING POSITIONS



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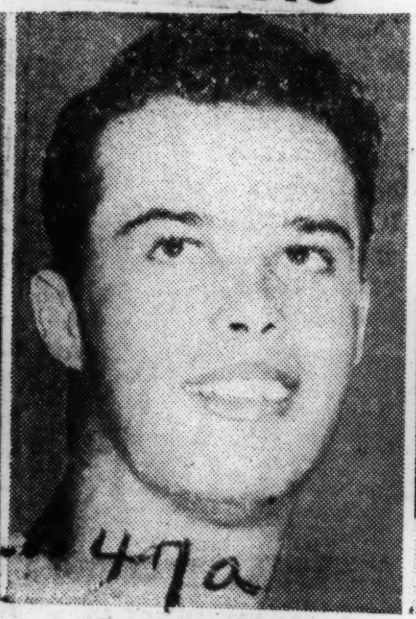

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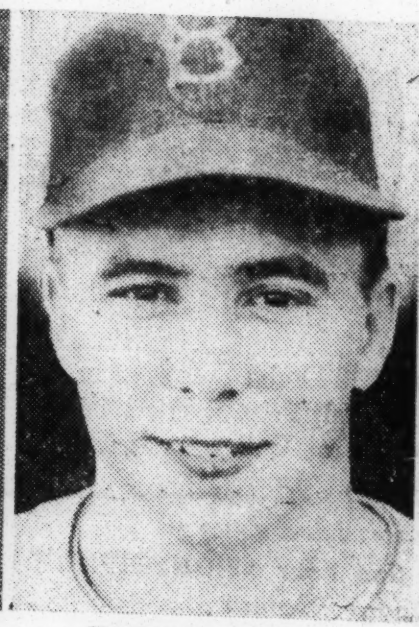

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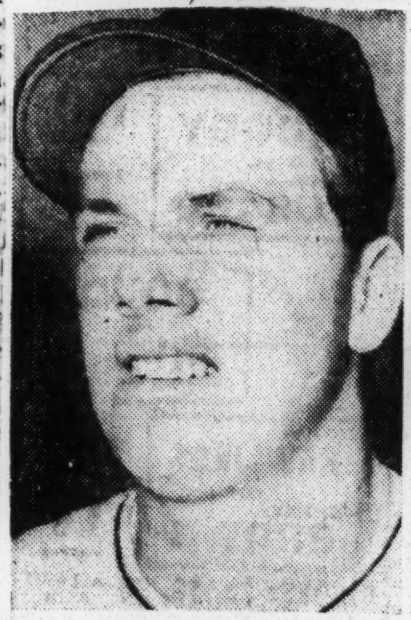

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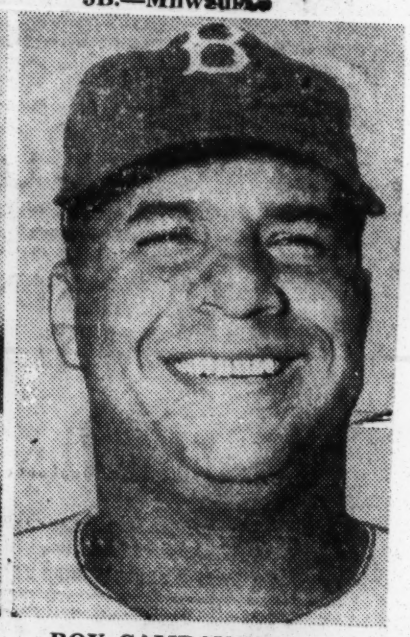

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NEGRO ALL-STAR GAME LINEUPS ARE COMPLETED

Rosters for the 21st annual East-West Negro All-Star baseball game in Comiskey park Sunday have been completed. The Indianapolis Clowns and the Birmingham Black Barons will be represented by 10 players each on the East team, while the Kansas City Monarchs and the Memphis Red Sox will contribute 10 each to the West. The rosters:

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Kansas City Monarchs

Pitchers—Berto Nunez, Gene Richardson, John Jackson; infielders—Sherwood Brewer, Francisco Herrera, Ernie Banks; outfielders—Jeff Williams, Ernie Johnson, Duke Henderson; catchers—Juan Armenteros.

Memphis Red Sox

Pitchers—Eddie Hancock, Isaiah Harris, Sam [Buddy] Woods; infielders—Willie James Sheelar, Willia Patterson; catchers—Fate Sims, Lloyd [Pepper] Bassett; outfielders — Eddie Reed, Raymond Haggins, Frank Russell.

Birmingham Black Barons

Pitchers—Frank Thompson, Danny Wright, Minski Cartledge, Kelly Searcy; infielders—Eddie Brooks, Wesley Dennis, Thomas Butts; outfielders—Carl Long, Eddie Reed, Henry Kimbro.

Indianapolis Clowns

Pitchers—Dionisio Amaro, Willie Gaines, Ted Richardson; infielders—Ray Neil, Curtis Hardaway, Willie Brown; outfielders—Henry Merchant, Verdes Drake; catchers — Sam [Piggy] Sands and Buster Haywood [manager].

Ray Neil Leading In Negro American League

According to Release by the Howe News Bureau of Chicago, Ill. Statistician of the Negro American League, Ray Neil, of Indianapolis is leading the league with a .409 average, including games ending June 10th.

Other leaders are; Henderson Kansas City, leads in hits with 28, in total bases with 38 and in doubles with 10.

Brooks, Birmingham, leads in runs with 22 and Brown, Indianapolis, in triples with four.

Cooper and Brewer both of Kansas City are tied for the home run lead at three apiece. Cooper also leads in stolen bases with five.

Drake, Indianapolis, leads in runs batted in with 19.

Jackson, Kansas City, is the leading pitcher with four victories and no losses.

Kansas City leads the league in batting with two .266 average. Indianapolis .245 average. Birmingham .235 Memphis .213.

Kansas City also leads in Team Fielding with the .965 average. Birmingham second .948. Memphis third .944, and Indianapolis with .937.

Individual batting averages for Memphis players:

Reed .313; Higgins, .295; Bassett, .270; Merrick, .231; Sims, .229; Patterson, .200; Whittington, .200; Cartwright, .200; Sheelor, .186; Harris, .174; Chisolm, 119; Woods, .118.

Woods leads the Memphis' pitchers with three victory and 2 defeats. Harris one victory, and two defeats. Davis, lost three. Hancock, has lost three, Adams has lost two.

Neil Tops NAL Hitters With Mark Of .386

CHICAGO — Ray Neil, Indianapolis, with a .386 average, again is the leading batter in the Negro American League, according to weekly statistics compiled by Howe News Bureau.

Duke Henderson, Kansas City, again leads in doubles with 10, but has been tied for the lead in hits, at 28 apiece, by Eddie Brooks, Birmingham.

Brooks also has taken the lead in total bases with 43 and tied Willie Brown, Indianapolis, for the lead in triples at four apiece. Brooks still leads in runs with 27.

Drake RBI Leader

Verdes Drake, Indianapolis, still leads in runs batted in with 21 and is one of four tied for the home run lead at three apiece. Others with three homers are Ernie Johnson, Cooper and Sherwood Brewer, all of Kansas City.

Cooper again leads in stolen bases with six.

The four victories and no losses of Johnny Jackson, Kansas City, still is the best record of any pitcher in the league.

Fate Simms, Memphis, hit a grand slam home run against Indianapolis, June 9, as Memphis won, 13-9.

New King Crowned.....

Monarchs Win First Half Flag In The NAL Race

The Negro American league will open its second half this week with the same four teams with which it started the season. The defunct Chicago American Giants and Philadelphia Stars did not return to the fold as may have been expected.

The four teams are the Kansas City Monarchs, champions of the first half; Birmingham Black Barons, Memphis Red Sox and Indianapolis Clowns, defending champions.

Second half play gets under way this weekend with the Birmingham Black Barons playing hosts to the Indianapolis Clowns and the Kansas City Monarchs home to the Memphis Red Sox.

CLASS OF LEAGUE

With incomplete returns in for the first half, according to statistics of the Howe News bureau it appears that the Monarchs are the class of the league with four of the top seven batters in Ernest Banks, Ernest Johnson, Duke Henderson and Juan Armenteros and three of the six best pitchers, John Jackson, Dagoberto Nunez and Gene Richardson.

The Monarchs also lead the league in fielding. The Monarchs are a youthful lot with only one player, old reliable Tom Cooper, over 30 years of age. Cooper is 32.

Leading box office attraction appears to be the Clowns, thanks to their female second baseman, Miss Toni Stone. She usually plays the first two or three innings of the game, then veteran Ray Neil, the league's leading batter, takes over. Miss Stone, although not a powerful hitter by any means, has on paper a .361 average with 13 hits, all singles, in 36 times at bat. Whether her hits are the results of generous scorekeepers or ability can be decided by fans who see her.

SET EAST-WEST DATE

The Black Barons, relying on a number of veteran NAL players appear to be the only team able to challenge the Monarchs.

Negro American League Standings

(Based on Howe News Bureau Report For June 17)

STANDINGS	W	L	Pct.	B.A.	F.A.
Kansas City Monarchs	14	6	.700	.266	.965
Birmingham Black Barons	15	7	.682	.233	.945
Memphis Red Sox	6	14	.300	.231	.944
Indianapolis Clowns	6	14	.300	.259	.936

TOP BATTERS	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Pct.
Neil, Indianapolis Clowns	57	14	22	1	17	.368
Johnson, Kansas City Monarchs	76	17	27	3	11	.355
Henderson, Kansas City Monarchs	79	17	28	0	9	.354
Dennis, Birmingham Black Barons	71	12	24	2	19	.338
Brooks, Birmingham Black Barons	85	27	28	1	7	.329
Higgins, Memphis Red Sox	56	10	18	2	11	.321
Drake, Indianapolis	82	13	25	3	21	.305
Toledo, Indianapolis	83	17	21	2	9	.301
Simms, Memphis	50	7	15	1	14	.300

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

DOUBLES: Henderson, K.C., 10; Neil, Indianapolis, 8.
TRIPLES: Brooks, Birmingham, and Brown, Indianapolis, 4.
HOME RUNS: Johnson, K.C.; Drake, Indianapolis; Cooper, K.C.; and Brewer, K. C. 3.
RUNS: Brooks, Birmingham, 27; four players tied with 17 each.
HITS: Henderson, K.C., and Brooks, Birmingham, 28; Johnson, K. C., 27.
STOLEN BASES: Cooper, K.C., 6 and Castile, Birmingham, 5.
RUNS BATTED IN: Drake, Indianapolis, 21, and Dennis, Birmingham, 19.
STRIKEOUTS: Nunez, K. C., 47, and Jackson, K. C., 38.

LEADING PITCHERS	G	CG	W	L	Pct.	IP	BB	SO
Jackson, Kansas City Monarchs	5	3	4	0	1.000	31	3	38
Johnson, Birmingham Black Barons	4	2	3	0	1.000	26	11	17
Nunez, Kansas City Monarchs	5	5	4	1	.800	44	28	47
Thompson, Birmingham Black Barons	5	2	4	1	.800	38	13	22

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES (June 28)

Kansas City Monarchs vs. Indianapolis Clowns.
Memphis Red Sox vs. Birmingham Black Barons.

Negro American League Standings

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Kansas City Monarchs	17	7	.708	.273	.967
Birmingham Black Barons	16	11	.593	.228	.945
Memphis Red Sox	9	16	.360	.233	.953
Indianapolis Clowns	8	16	.333	.271	.942

TOP BATTERS	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	Pct.
Neil, Clowns	72	16	30	1	19	.417
Henderson, Kansas City	95	22	35	0	11	.368
Johnson, Kansas City	94	21	33	5	19	.351
Dennis, Birmingham	87	15	30	3	22	.345
Drake, Indianapolis	94	16	32	3	29	.340
Brown, Clowns	89	18	28	1	10	.315
Armenteros, Kansas City	80	16	25	1	10	.313
Higgins, Memphis	75	13	23	2	13	.307
Bassett, Memphis	60	8	18	0	7	.300

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TRIPLES: Brown, Indianapolis, and Brooks, Birmingham 5.
HOME RUNS: Dennis, Birmingham, 5; six players tied with 3 each.
RUNS: Brooks, Birmingham, 28; Henderson, K.C., 22.
STOLEN BASES: Cooper, K. C., 6; 4 players tied with 5 each.
RUNS BATTED IN: Drake, Indianapolis, 29; Dennis, Birmingham, 22.
STRIKEOUTS: Nunez, K. C., 58; Jackson, K. C., 38.

LEADING PITCHERS	CG	W	L	Pct.	IP	SO
Jackson, Kansas City	3	5	0	1.000	31	38
Nunez, Kansas City	5	5	1	.833	53	58
Cartledge, Birmingham	2	4	1	.800	45	31
G. Richardson, Kansas City	4	4	1	.800	42	24

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES (July 4-5)

Birmingham Black Barons vs. Memphis Red Sox
Kansas City Monarchs vs. Indianapolis Clowns in Chicago.

The Negro American league will close its first half with a series July 4-5 weekend doubleheaders.

The Birmingham Black Barons, now chasing the Kansas City Monarchs down to the wire in the battle for first place, will face the Memphis Red Sox in Memphis.

Chicago will see its first NAL games this season when the Indianapolis Clowns play host to the Monarchs at Comiskey Park. The Monarchs appear to be a cinch for first place in the first half standings of the loop.

NEGRO AMERICAN LEAGUE STANDINGS

(Cover July 8)

TEAM BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	PCT
Kansas City	35	1180	221	328	278
Indianapolis	36	1182	168	228	263
Birmingham	30	936	142	143	235
Memphis	29	912	126	148	219

TEAM FIELDING

	W	L	T	DP	E	PCT
Kansas City	26	9	0	20	40	969
Memphis	11	18	0	25	45	957
Birmingham	17	13	0	19	58	947
Indianapolis	11	25	0	23	76	942

INDIVIDUAL BATTING AVERAGES OF BLACK BARON PLAYERS

	Pos.	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	PCT
W. Dennis	lb.	27	98	16	35	3	24	357
Carl Long	of	21	66	9	21	2	17	318
Wm. Richardson	of	12	37	2	11	2	10	297
Ed. Brooks	ss-2b	30	109	30	31	1	7	284
Tom Butts	ss	23	83	10	22	0	5	265
H. Kimbro	of	30	104	14	27	0	18	260
I. Castile	3b	24	70	14	15	0	14	214
F. Russell	of	26	74	13	15	0	3	200
Ed. Steele	of	14	48	8	7	0	6	146
O. Bailey	c	30	94	10	13	0	6	138
C. Johnson	c	12	18	6	2	1	2	111

PITCHERS' RECORDS

	G	CG	W	L	PCT
Frank Russell	3	0	1	0	1000
M. Cartledge	10	2	4	1	800
Dan Wright	8	2	3	1	750
Frank Thompson	7	3	4	3	571
T. Smith	8	2	0	3	000
H. Gaston	3	0	0	3	000

KANSAS CITY'S MIGHTY MONARCHS.—The 1953 edition of the Kansas City Monarchs has been called the greatest young team ever to play under banner of this nationally famous ball club. Currently, Tom Baird's whiz kids are leading the Negro American league as the race nears the July 4 half-way mark. Until last week this club set a record in NAL play by running up a string of 14 consecutive victories in loop warfare. Staffed with youngsters who are ambitious to move up in their profession, the club is the talk of the league. Only one man on the team is more than 28 years of age. The youngest is 18. Ten members are ex-Gis. The players are, left to right: Berto Nunez, p.; Juan Armenteros, c.; Dick Phillips, p.; Henry Baylis, 3b.; Sherwood Brewer, 2b.; Bill Holder, u.; Gene Richardson, p.; John Jackson, p.; Duke Henderson, cf.; Jeff Williams, lf.; Ernie Banks, ss.; Tom Cooper, Capt. c., of.; Bill Dickey Jr., p.; Fran Herrera, 1b.; Ernest Johnson, rf.; and John O'Neil, 1b.-mgr.

LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTS

Ray Neil, Indianapolis, continued to set the pace in two divisions of the Negro American League, according to weekly statistics compiled by the Howe News Bureau.

Neil is first in batting with an average of .391 and has stolen eight bases for the first place in that department.

Ernie Johnson, Kansas City, is leading in three departments, totals hits at 52, toltal bases at 87, home runs with six and is tied for triples with Eddie Brooks, Birmingham at five.

Verdes Drake, Indianapolis, has driven in the most runs with a total of 33. Duke Henderson, Kansas City is tops in runs scored with 38 in doubles with 13.

Berto Nunez, Kansas City, is the leading pitcher in the loop with a record of seven victories and only one loss. His teammate John Jackson has won six games and is charged with only one loss.

Negro American League Standings

(COVER AUGUST 12)

TEAM BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	TB	Pct.
Kansas City	25	812	128	229	321	282
Indianapolis	22	726	114	183	243	252
Birmingham	19	628	88	147	214	250
Memphis	16	496	65	107	149	216

TEAM FIELDING

	W	L	T	DP	E	Pct.
Kansas City	17	8	0	17	29	968
Birmingham	7	12	0	12	30	958
Memphis	5	11	0	16	25	957
Indianapolis	12	10	0	15	44	947

INDIVIDUAL BATTING AVERAGES OF BLACK BARON PLAYERS

	Pos	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	PCT
Ira Mobley	of	20	55	9	21	3	15	382
Wesley Dennis	lb	49	179	26	61	6	47	341
Henry Kimbro	of	51	173	32	51	1	28	295
Willie Scott	of	15	57	8	16	1	6	261
Carl Long	of	39	112	14	29	3	24	259
Ed Brooks	2b	52	191	46	47	1	11	246
Harold Hair	3b	22	77	8	17	0	8	221
Frank Russell	of	43	131	20	28	1	18	214
Chas. Johnson	c	24	40	8	8	1	3	200
Irvin Castile	of-3b	37	107	19	21	0	18	196
Otha Bailey	c	50	150	16	23	0	11	153

PITCHERS' RECORDS

	C	CG	W	L	PCT	SO
Minski Cartledge	13	4	5	2	714	47
Frank Thompson	13	6	6	6	500	57
Dan Wright	15	4	3	5	375	60
Hiram Gaston	8	3	2	4	333	49
Taylor Smith	13	2	1	6	143	39
Fred Jackson	4	0	0	1	000	8

LEAGUE HIGHLIGHTS

Ray Neil, Indianapolis, still is the leading batter in the Negro-American League, according to statistics compiled by Howe News Bureau.

Neil has a .417 batting average. He also leads in hits with 30 and in doubles with 16.

Other departmental leaders also held their places. They are: Ernie Johnson, Kansas City, 123 total bases and 10 home runs; Verdes Drake, Indianapolis, 51 runs batted in; Hank Kimbro, Birmingham, 14 stolen bases; Eddie Brooks, Birmingham, seven triples, and Frank Ensley, Indianapolis, 49 runs.

John Jackson, Kansas City, added on victory to his string to take the lead among the league's pitchers. He now has won 11 and lost three.

25,000 TO SEE 21st EAST-WEST BATTLE TODAY

A crowd of 25,000 is expected to see the East battle the West in the Negro American league's All-Star baseball game today in Comiskey park at 3 p. m.

In event of rain, the game will be played tomorrow night, beginning at 8:30 o'clock.

Forty of the four team league's outstanding players, hand picked by the club owners, managers and coaches and approved by Dr. J. B. Martin, league president, make up the two squad's 20 performers, many of whom are gunning for a shot in the major leagues.

Scouts Will Be There

It's for this reason that there'll be scouts from practically every major league club in attendance, all hoping to make a find. Hottest major league prospect in the lineups is Shortstop Ernie Banks of the Kansas City Monarchs.

Isaiah Morris, southpaw pitcher of the Memphis Red Sox and former strikeout king of the Negro American league, who will play with the West against the East in the annual All-Star Negro game in Comiskey park today.

Banks is an exceptionally fine fielder and also wields a potent bat, taking his .288 batting average into consideration.

The West, which leads in the long rivalry with 12 victories against eight defeats, will be out for its second in a row, having taken last year's game, 7 to 6, before 18,279. The East last won, 3 to 1, in 1951.

Managed by John [Buck] O'Neill of the Monarchs, the West will depend on pitching for victory. O'Neill has nominated a Memphis pitcher, Sam [Buddy] Woods to open the game. Manager Buster Haywood, playing pilot of the Indianapolis Clowns, will use a 19 year old Cuban, Dionisio Amaro, with a blazing fast ball, as his starter.

Johnson Lone Chicagoan

The lone Chicagoan to be selected is 22 year old Ernest Johnson, Monarch right fielder, and the league's leading home run slugger. The local star has hit 10 homers and is batting .326.

The opening lineups, substitutes with their uniform numbers in parenthesis, follow:

WEST SQUAD

Sherwood Brewer [Kansas City], 2b [17].
Eddie Reed [Memphis], cf [12].
Ernest Johnson [Kansas City], rf [19].
Ernie Banks [Kansas City, ss [28].
Tom Cooper [Kansas City], lf [21].
Willie Patterson [Memphis], 1b [8].
Don Whittington [Memphis], 3b [4].
Lloyd [Pepper] Bassett [Memphis], c, [22].
Sam [Buddy] Woods [Memphis], p [17].
Reserves: Memphis—Fate Sims, c [5]; Willie James Sheelar, ss [1]; Frank Russell, lf [16]; Raymond Haggins, rf [10]; Isaiah Harris, p [15]; Eddie Hancock, p [2]. Kansas City—Duke Henderson, cf [25]; Jeff Williams, lf [29]; Juan Armenteros, c [12]; Frank Herrera, 1b [10]; John Jackson, p [24]; Gene Richardson, p [30]; Berto Nunez, p [15].

EAST SQUAD

Willie Brown [Indianapolis], ss [26].
Verdes Drake [Indianapolis], cf [20].
Ray Neil [Indianapolis], 2b [22].
Wesley Dennis [Birmingham], 1b [19].
Henry Kimbro [Birmingham], rf [14].
Carl Long [Birmingham], cf [11].
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Montgomery Wants To Hire Negro Players

by MARION E. JACKSON

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Sentiment is favorable towards Montgomery becoming Alabama's first city to permit Negro players on its presently all-white franchised baseball teams, but baseball iJm Crow—Northern style—prevents it.

The barrier against this strangely enough does not have its roots in the South but in the lily white policies of the Detroit Tigers who have no Negroes in their farm system.

Walter O. Spike Briggs, owner of a multi-million dollar parts manufacturing concern, has clung to the anti-Negro practices fostered by his father, the late W. O. Briggs, sr.

The American League club which controls the destiny of the Montgomery Grays has never desired or scouted Negro players despite the fact it finished last in 1952.

MONTGOMERY IS RECEPTIVE

Montgomery, the Detroit Tigers' farm affiliate, however is in a more receptive mood for Negro players. For this city, unlike Birmingham, does not have on its books rigid racial laws that would create unsurmountable barriers to Negro baseball participation.

Gerald Lee, assistant sports editor, Montgomery Advertiser, says, "The attitude towards Negro players is very good here. The Grays' management is anticipating an increase in colored fans because of Savannah having two and Jacksonville three."

Jacksonville opens a three-game series May 4. Savannah moves into the "Cradle of the Old Confederacy" on May 8. This will mark the first time in history that Negroes have played in a Sally league game in Alabama's capital city.

However, April 11-12, for the first time in the history of organized baseball in Montgomery, the Grays opposed the Kansas City Blues with the latter having a pair of hard-hitting Negro stars in the lineup. They were Vic Power, who batted .331 for the Blues last year and was named utility man on the American association All-Star team after serving time at first, third and in the outfield, and Elston Howard, ex-Kansas City Monarch star, who played with Muskegon of the Central league in 1950 and was in the Army in 1951 and 1952. The Blues used Howard in left field and as a catcher.

CROWDS CHANGE OPINIONS

Montgomery perked up its ears regarding Negro players when news reports seeped back that on April 8 a crowd of 1,118 turned out to see a Sally league exhibition in Charleston, S. C., between the Charleston Rebels and the Savannah Indians.

It was the first time in the history of the league that Negro players had appeared with a league team in Charleston's College Park. Of those attending, 545 packed the Negro section, probably the largest turnout of Negroes in the park's history.

The Savannah Indians heightened Montgomery's interest in Negro players when a total of 5,508 fans turned to see the Jacksonville Braves in the opener of the Sally league season there. This was in contrast with the following opening night figures: Columbus, 4,472; Charleston, 3,755, and Macon, 2,102. Savannah and Jacksonville have Negro players.

Another factor that stimulated Montgomery's interest in race players was the bold announcement by William A. Fickling that Macon (Georgia) would likely be without Sally league baseball in 1954 unless there is marked increase in attendance this season. Fickling disclosed that the lily-white Peaches lost approximately $58,000 during the past five seasons. The feeling is that race players may solve the Peaches' attendance woes.

Max Mosely, sports editor, Montgomery Advertiser, and his assistant, Gerald Lee, softened racial attitudes with headline stories on the play of Power and Howard against the Grays. Banner stories proclaimed the impending debut of Fleming Reedy and Al Isreal of Savannah Indians and Henry Aaron, Felix Mantilla and Garner, all Negro players, against the Grays.

However, all of this goes for naught, because the Detroit Tigers have obstinately resisted the trend toward mixed competition. The Tigers, managed by Freddie Hutchinson, former big league pitcher, are unconcerned despite their lowly status in the American League, where they finished last.

DEMONSTRATED LIBERALISM

Alabama's capital city has demonstrated marked liberalism in its attitude towards mixed sports. Montgomery has never adopted the Charleston Rebels and the repressive racial ordinances to bar Negro athletes from competing with their white teammates. Detroit's attitude towards Negro players is more hostile than that evidenced by fans and management here.

This is in contrast to Birmingham, largest city in Alabama where Negrophobe Eugene (Bull) Connor, as director of public safety, has used legal and police power to blackout mixed competition. This has resulted in the collapse of the Pro Bowl Football Classic which featured National Football league teams and an $8,000 deficit at massive Legion Field, which is used by the University of Alabama and Alabama Polytechnic (Auburn) Institute for its prestige games.

Heard Over The SPORTSTROLA

By Claude A. Walker

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — (SNS) —

NEGRO PLAYERS COULD FIELD GREAT ALL STAR TEAM

WHAT A SCORNING laugh anyone would have received if he had made a public prediction: "That within seven years after Jackie Robinson made his appearance in organized baseball that there would be enough Negro players of proven ability in the major leagues to man an all-star team capable of holding its own against the best performers in baseball."

IN 1946 the Brooklyn Dodgers had Jackie Robinson playing at Montreal, the first of our race to break into organized baseball in modern times. But few observers thought he would be followed by so many and so good. Now, with the pioneer Robinson starting his seventh season in the majors, there are Negroes on seven big league clubs. Almost without exception, they are players of unusual talent.

THEY MADE THEIR debut with amazing performance and from the results there have been five Negro players to win the "Rookie of the year award" since 1946. This achievement was initiated by Jackie Robinson and followed by Don Newcombe, Willie Mays, Orestes Minoso and Joe Black respectively.

FOR THE ALL STAR team that could perform equal against the best in the majors, the following roster is composed:

Catchers:
Roy Campanella
Ray Noble
Pitchers
Joe Black
Don Newcombe
Dave Hoskins
Satchel Paige
Connie Johnson
Sam Jones
First Baseman:
Luke Easter
George Crowe
Bob Boyd
Second Baseman:
Junior Gilliam
Artie Wilson
Shortstops:
Jim Pendleton
Del Baker
Third Basemen:
Jackie Robinson
Henry Thompson
Outfielders:
Bill Bruton
Larry Doby
Monte Irvin
Willie Mayes
Orestes Minoso
Harry Simpson
Carlos Bernier
Sam Jethroe
Dave Pope

It is interesting to know that several of these stars have proven ability to perform at two or more positions which indicates the great reserve power.

JACKIE ROBINSON and Roy Campanella have been picked five and four times in a row respectively on the National League's all-star team and from all evidences will retaliate this year. Other race representatives following suit were Larry Doby, Luke Easter, Orestes Minoso, Satchel Paige and Don Newcombe.

LET'S TAKE A look at the talent. Jackie Robinson a great hitter, and a sparkling base-runner heads the group. Luke Easter, Larry Doby and Roy Campanella are hitters of long balls. Considering their ability at the plate any major league Manager would be delighted to have an outfield (Make your starting selection) composed of Bill Bruton, Monte Irvin, Larry Doby and Orestes Minoso. At pre-

THE ISSUE is more psychological than anything else. From all evidences Marciano's brief knockout punch caught the ring officials off-guard and the fans unaware with the television audience out of position to see what really happened.

THE HEAVYWEIGHT championship fight between Rocky Marciano and Joe Walcott will top this year's sports controversial issues. The famous contraversies for ring counts have happened in Chicago. The long count between Gene Tunney and Jack Dempsey and the short count between Joe Walcott and Rocky Marciano.

FELIX BOCCHICCHIO, Walcott's manager stated: "that

knew what he was doing and he was waiting for me to tell him to get up, he was counted out." If Joe knew what he was doing he should not have taken any chances after hearing the count of eight. Regardless to what athletes think during competition, the officials' decision on matters of judgement is final. If Walcott realized the count was too fast, with consideration being given to the title at stake, he should have responded according to the count. He had no other alternative but to concur.

Forfeit Game When Bathers Announce Negro Would Pitch

HOT SPRINGS, Ark.—Jim Turgerson won't be used by the Hot Springs Bathers after all, but President Al Haraway of Helena, Ark., president of the Cotton States League, is going to be faced with a civil rights suit which may bring the matter of using Negro ball players right into the courts.

Turgerson was recalled by the Bathers last week to bolster a weak pitching staff, but on May 20, with a crowd of 1,700 on hand in the Bathers Park, when it was announced that he would open on the mound against Jackson, Miss., the umpires declared the game a forfeit in favor of the visitors.

THE FANS BOOED the decision, although they were given their money back or the privilege of returning to another game. Turgerson thanked the fans and explained: "I didn't ask to come. I am the property of the Hot Springs club. They called me back."

He announced, however, when he learned that he would be returned to Knoxville in the Mountain States League, that he would file a civil rights suit against the league and Haraway for denying him the right to play in the league.

When the Turgersons were brought up at the beginning of the season, the league had ordered the Hot Springs franchise forfeited. George Trautman, president of the National Association, overruled the league and said that Hot Springs was free to use Negroes in its lineup.

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ALTHOUGH T U R GERSON was returned to Knoxville, the Bathers announced that suit will be instigated and the forfeit appealed.

Haraway is said to have replied: "It is an intra-club matter. Take whatever action you see fit."

Bathers' president, Robert C. May, said the situation had "gone past a matter of race relations. It involves the integrity of the Hot Springs club in carrying out its agreement."

Haraway cancelled a meeting of league directors which had been called for May 22.

Ray Neil sets hot pace in NAL

Ray Neil, Indianapolis Clowns, still is the leading batter in the Negro American League, according to statistics compiled by Howe News Bureau, this week.

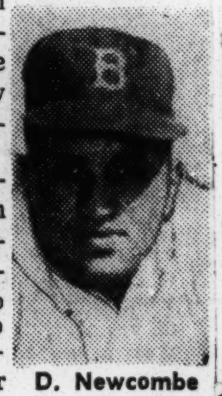
Neil has a .417 batting average. He also leads in hits with 80 and in doubles with 16.

Other departmental leaders also held their places. They are: Ernie Johnson, Kansas City, 123 total bases and 10 home runs; Verdes Drake, Indianapolis, 51 runs batted in; Hunk Hinbro, Birmingham, 14 stolen bases; Eddie Brooks, Birmingham, seven triples, and Frank Ensley, Indianapolis, 49 runs.

John Jackson, Kansas City, added a victory to his string to take the lead among the league's pitchers. He now has won 11 and lost three.

Hint Newcombe To Be Shipped

CAMP PICKETT, Va. — Don Newcombe, ace of the National League champion Brooklyn Dodgers, was among a group of soldiers given dental check-ups at the post infirmary Tuesday morning.



D. Newcombe

This is a procedure which usually designates individuals about to be shipped to points of embarkation for duty overseas.

While Newcombe is now eligible for overseas service, since he has been stationed here for 11 months, no confirmation of such an assignment has been forthcoming from the Army.

Questioned on the matter, officials at the Pentagon Building, told the AFRO that any such orders would be given by the 2nd Army, and that it was normally from three to four days before a copy of the orders is received in Washington.

Mystery Surrounds Leaving

NEWCOMBE QUITS ARMY NINE

(ANP)— Big Don Newcombe, star pitcher of the Brooklyn Dodgers while a civilian, recently quit the Brooke Army Medical Center baseball team in a mysterious situation, according to the Sporting News.

Along with another major league hurler, Marv Rotblatt, white south paw of the Chicago White Sox, Newcombe is said to have refused to talk about the situation.

It seems that Newcombe was given run "or else" orders. hey apparently took the "or else" action.

On the Newcombe side, it is also said that Newcombe played first base rathern than pitch He weights around 200 pounds, which is close to his regular playing weight.

As far as baseball is concerned, Newk has had offers to play semipro ball, but he must get Army approval before playing. Currently he hurls batting practice for the San Antonio Missions.

Newcombe and Rotblatt expect Army discharges in time to report for Spring training for the 1954 baseball season.

RED-HOT ROOKIE—Allan Worthington (center), rookie New York Giant pitcher, is congratulated by teammates in the dressing room after making modern National League history by hurling his second shutout in his first two major league appearances with a 6-0 win over Brooklyn at Ebbetts Field yesterday. Handshaking Worthington are Monty Irvin (left), who banged a three-run homer and Hank Thompson who got two hits. Behind them are Bobby Thomson (left) and Whitey Lockman, who garnered two hits apiece, one a homer by Thomson.

Irvin and Schoendienst Share N. L. Bat Lead; Kell Tops A. L.

New York, July 20 (AP)—Even the most ardent of New York Giant supporters didn't look for Monte Irvin to be in the thick of the National League batting race this year.

But with the 1953 campaign almost two-thirds gone, the veteran outfielder has compiled one of the best hitting records in the senior circuit.

Through Sunday's games, Irvin was in a tie with Red Schoendienst of the St. Louis Cardinals for the batting lead, each with .331. He also had blasted 16 home runs and driven in 73 runs.

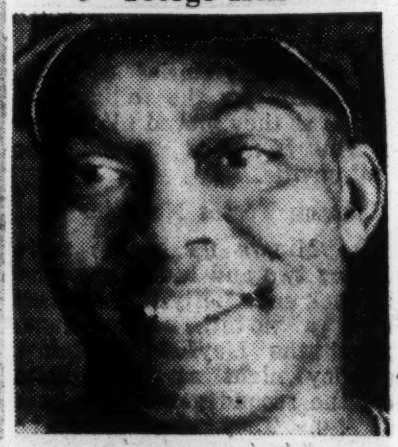
In the American League, George Kell of the Boston Red Sox set the pace with a .333 average, seven points higher than teammate Billy Goodman.

Broke Ankle In '52

Irvin's comeback effort, after suffering a fractured ankle in the spring of 1952, has caught the fancy of baseball fans everywhere.

At 34, it was almost too much to expect Monte to regain his 1951 form. He hit .312, drove out 24 homers and batted across 121 tallies in the Giants' historic come-from-behind pennant victory that year.

George Kell



Monte Irvin

After batting only .269 during the first month of the current season, it looked as though the skeptics were right. But Irvin has climbed steadily upward since then, reaching his highest batting percentage on last week's performance when he collected six hits in 15 times at bat for a three-point gain.

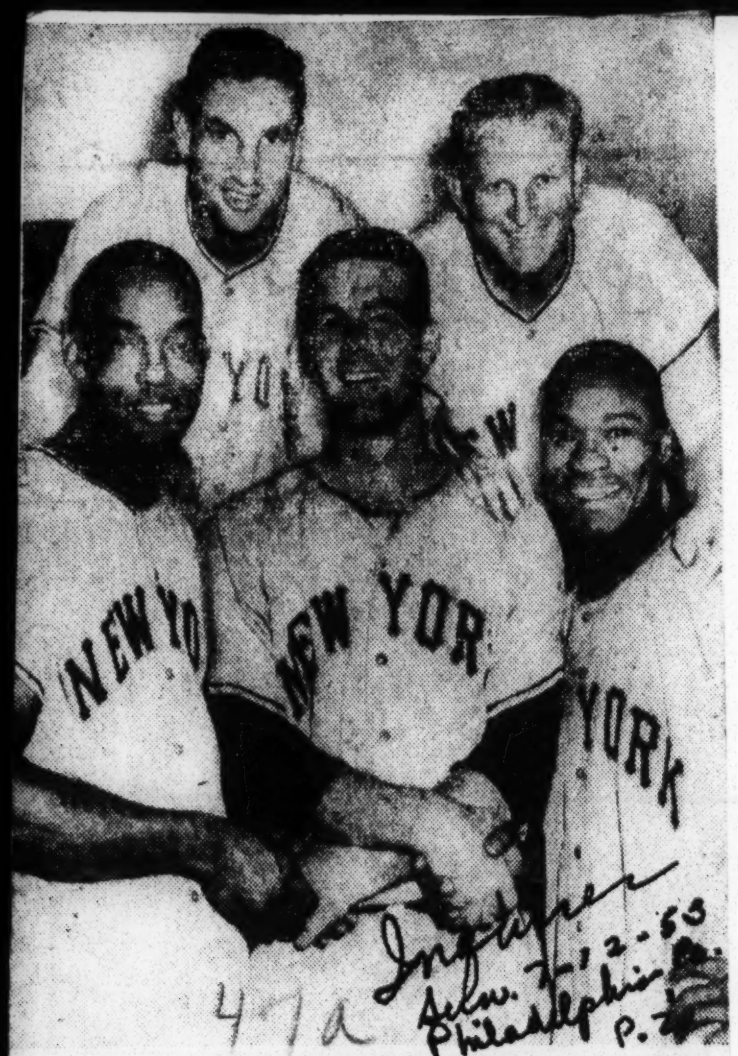
Frankie Baumholtz of the Chicago Cubs was in third place in the National League at .326 followed by Carl Furillo of the Brooklyn Dodgers with .323. Tied for fifth were Richie Ashburn of the Philadelphia Phillies, Cincinnati's Ted Kluszewski and Jackie Robinson of the Dodgers, each with .319.

Lopat Leads Pitchers

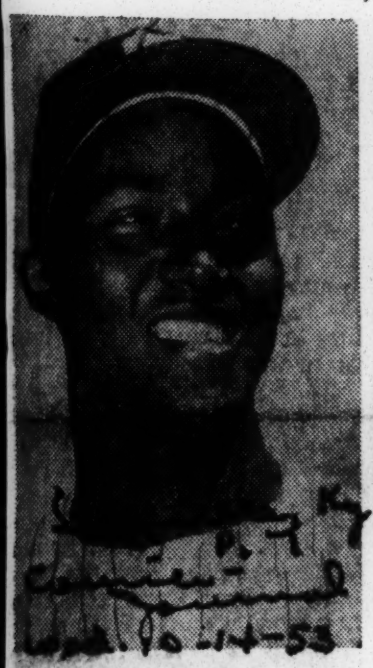
Kluszewski and Ed Mathews of the Milwaukee Braves shared the home run lead with 28 apiece and Roy Campanella, the Dodger catcher, had batted in the most runs, 81.

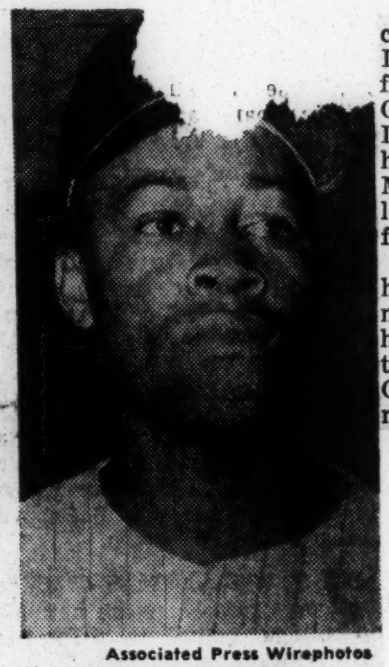
Behind Kell and Goodman in the American League came Minnie Minoso of the Chicago White Sox with .322, Mickey Vernon of Washington and New York's Mickey Mantle, each with .318 and Al Rosen of the Cleveland Indians at .313. Rosen also was tops in home runs, 23, and runs batted in, 77.

New York Yankee southpaw Ed Lopat, who stopped the surging Chicago White Sox on Sunday, was the American League's leading pitcher with a 9-1 record and Milwaukee's Lew Burdette, unbeaten in seven decisions, headed the National.



Rookie Alan Worthington (center) is congratulated by his New York Giants' teammates after making modern National League history by hurling his second shutout in two major league appearances. Worthington's four-hitter helped beat Brooklyn, 6-0, yesterday at Ebbets Field. Grouped around him (clockwise) are Monte Irvin, who hit a three-run homer, Bobby Thomson, Whitey Lockman and Henry Thompson, each of whom got 2 hits. (AP Wirephoto)





Associated Press Wirephotos

Vic Power — Elston Howard

Slated To Be First Negroes To Wear Yankee Uniforms

Yanks Call 2 Negroes, First To Join Club

New York, Oct. 13 (AP)—The world-champion New York Yankees brought up Vic Power and Elston Howard, a pair of Negro stars, from their Kansas City farm in the American Association today.

Power and Howard, two of the eight players promoted by the Yankees from their vast minor-league organization, will be the first Negroes ever to wear a Yankee uniform. Both will join the club at the spring training camp in St. Petersburg, Fla., next February.

Power, a right-handed hitter who plays the infield as well as the outfield, captured the American Association batting title this past season with a .349 average. The 23-year-old player, who performed mostly in left field this year, also paced the circuit with 217 hits and 324 total bases.

Average Is .286

Howard, an outfielder, batted .286 in 139 games, showing considerably less power than his hard-hitting teammate.

Six of the eight players come from Kansas City. The other two were brought up from Birmingham of the Southern Association.

Besides Power and Howard, the K. C. graduates include pitchers Mel Wright and Wally Burnett, catcher Lew Berberet and outfielder Bill Virdon. The Birmingham hopefuls are outfielders Emil Tellinger and Hal Smith.

At the same time, the Yankees sold pitcher Harry Schaeffer and infielder Frank Verdi to Kansas City.

Power had put in four years in the New York organization, hitting well above .300 each year. Power had his best year in 1953. In 622 times at bat, he amassed 217 hits, including 39 home runs. He drove in 93 runs.

Faces Competition

Although Power is conceded to be the better hitter, some Yankee scouts say Howard is the better player. He is regarded as an outstanding defensive player and is reputed to be one of the fastest men in the minor leagues.

The Yankees haven't yet made up their minds just where to play Power. Some scouts say he should play first base. Others call him a third sacker, and still others insist he is at his best in the outfield.

At first base, Vic would be competition for Joe Collins and Don Bollweg. At third, he would face formidable opposition from Gil McDougald and Andy Carey. If he comes up as an outfielder, he would have to fight Mickey Mantle, Hank Bauer, Gene Woodling, Irv Noren and Bill Renna for a spot.

If the Yankees decide they have no place for Power, they may consider several offers for him. It has been reported that the Cincinnati Redlegs, St. Louis Cardinals and Detroit Tigers have made offers for Power.

Yanks To Take Two Negroes To Camp In '54

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (AP)—The New York Yankees will take two Negro players to camp for the first time when Manager Casey Stengel holds his annual "prospects school" at St. Petersburg, Fla. from Feb. 2 to Feb. 20.

Outfielder Elston Howard, who also will be given a trial as a catcher, and pitcher Ed Andrews, a 12-2 performer at Olean, N.Y. in his first year of pro ball, are the Negroes among the 35 candidates.

Nine men listed on the Yankee roster have been invited, including pitchers Wally Burnette, Bob Wiesler, Mel Wright and Ralph Terry, catcher Gus Triandos and Lou Berberet, first baseman Frank Leja and outfielders Art Schult and Howard.

Terry is the youngster awarded to the Yanks by Commissioner Ford Frick after a contract battle with the St. Louis Cardinals. Leja is the Holyoke, Mass. kid who was signed during the World Series for a big bonus with several clubs bidding.

Burnette had a 21-10 record at Binghamton, N.Y. in '53 and Wright, a relief artist, impressed with a 13-2 record. The two are looked upon as potential Yanks in 1954.

The school advanced Mickey Mantle, Gil McDougald and Tom Morgan to the Yank varsity in 1951. Among the top prospects from the lower minors is Russ Snyder, a left-handed hitting outfielder who hit .432 for McAlester, Okla., his first year in pro ball. There is a familiar name on the list, Bill Detrich, son of the old pitcher, Tom Hamilton, late of the A's, also has been invited.

The early invitations have been sent to the following:

Pitchers—Bob Grim, Jack Urban, Frank Smanovsky, Burnette, Wesler, Wright, Gary Coleman, Lloyd Merritt, Wilson Parsons, Mark Freeman, Bob Bonebrake, Pat Utley, Bill Detrich, Bog Shipman, Legh Lawrence, Terry and Andrews.

Catchers—Cal Neeman, Trandos and Berberet.

Infielders—Tom Hamilton, Bob Richardson, George Delfino, Woode Held, Bob Mesner, Joey Tucker, Tony Qubek and Leja.

Outfielders—Jim Engleman, Lou Skizas, Jack Reed, Marv Throneberry, Howard, Schult and Snyder.

Orioles Buy Negro Hurler From Portland

BALTIMORE (AP) — The outright purchase of Henrie Heard, left-handed pitcher, from Portland of the Pacific Coast League was announced yesterday by the Baltimore Orioles.

Five-feet-eight and 150 pounds, Heard became the first Negro signed by the American League club which took over the franchise of the old St. Louis Browns.

With Portland last season Heard won 16 games, lost 12 and gave up an average of 3.9 earned runs per game. In 1952 he won 20, lost 12 and had a 2.94 ERA.

The Orioles did not disclose the amount involved in the transaction.

SQUAWKS AT MARION:

Satchel (I'm the Best) Paige Fuming At Relief Fetters

NEW YORK — Satchel Paige who modestly admits to being the best relief pitcher in baseball, is fretting over the shackles that keep him confined to the St. Louis Browns' bullpen. He thinks manager Marty Marion should give him a starting chance.

Paige

"I can't understand that fellah," Paige muttered while relaxing in the clubhouse between games at the Yankee stadium Thursday. "I know he wants to win. So why doesn't he start me?

"I'm the best pitcher he's got. He knows that. It doesn't matter to me whether I relieve or start. But I'd like to get 16 or 17 games for him as a starter. You can't do no winning in relief . . . at least not that many.

"That old age of mine fools 'em, but it shouldn't. The main thing is I feel good. I feel better now than I did five years ago when I came to Cleveland. I eat better now and I don't have stomach trouble any more.

Might "Show Up Kids"

"I guess Marty doesn't want to start me because he's afraid I'll go nine innings and show up the young kids on the staff. It don't look right, I guess, for an old geezer like me doing the things those young men can't do."

Paige, who said he "might be a couple of years older" than the 44 years attributed to him in the American league record book, proudly pointed out he has appeared in 27 games, more than any pitcher in the American league. (He made it No. 28 in the second game of the doubleheader against the Yankees).

He has won one and saved five others but he is proudest of his two-inning scoreless relief job against the Yankees Tuesday night that helped the Browns snap New York's 18-game winning streak.

Calls Self No. 1 Reliefer

Paige modestly proclaimed himself the No. 1 relief pitcher, and offered the following explanation:

"Take those fellows like Wilhelm, Black and Kinder. They usually come in with the score tied and nobody or one man on base. Then their team gets them a couple of runs and they pile up victories.

"Now take old Satch. I come in with the bases full, nobody out, three balls and no strikes on the hitter. And we're usually behind in the score. Then I bear down and gets out of the inning without a score. Sometimes they manage to get a run. But we don't get no more."

Asked how much longer he expected to pitch in the big leagues, the venerable, rubber - armed right-hander replied:

"Three more years after this. But if I feel like it, I may stay around longer. Especially if I can get to start some games. Why man, I started and won my first four games last year, going nine innings each time. I pitched only two innings in my fifth start but I ate some stale crabs before the game and they made me sick. You know something must have been wrong with me if I couldn't go past two innings.

"I always get a kick out of saving a ball game but it feels especially good when it's against the Yankees. I really bore down against them that night.

"I had that Mantle kid so confused with my variety of pitches, he tried to bunt on the third strike. Imagine a fool thing like that. A home run hitter trying to bunt with two strikes on him. I musta had him plenty confused."

THE POWERHOUSE

By Jimmy Powers

That was a great emotional chowder cooked up for the fans at the Stadium when the Yank winning streak was cracked. I am still in a glow and I believe the thousands who saw the game in the park and the millions who watched TV will never forget it.

I don't think we ever have to worry about big league baseball drying up and blowing away. There may be a few franchises that will suffer financial malnutrition and have to be moved to more fertile areas but, by and large, baseball has so many appeals it will always be our No. 1 national sport.

In the early part of the game, Phil Rizzuto went deep after a ground ball and made such a miraculous stop and flip-relay to second I came a good foot out of my chair and let off a "Yipe!" that could be heard a block away.

There was the usually placid Whitey Ford, the cocky youngster reported to have ice water in his veins, palpably cracking under the tension. He was aiming his pitches, jerking them into the dirt. His nerves were frazzled. His control was gone.

We had a two-run home run and then, charging down to the last string of putouts, the mounting tension. Could the Yanks pull this one out? Was there a chance for a tie? A long hit that would bring a reprieve?

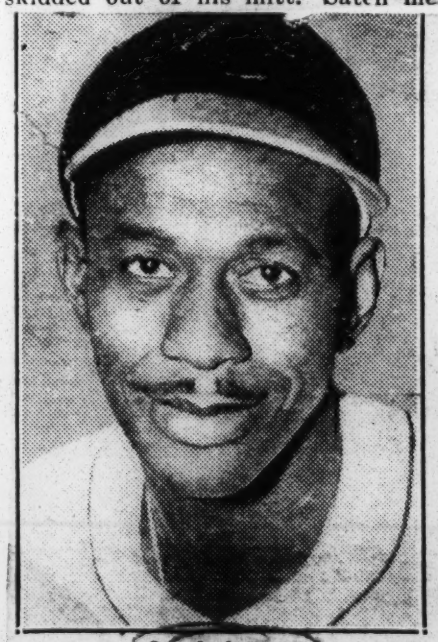
And then, that unforgettable picture of Satchel Paige, the aged Negro with his baggy uniform, his bony frame, his over-sized glove hanging down at his side, his big sad eyes.

Old Satch would stare overly long at each hitter. You could see him swivel his neck and inspect the banked tiers of fans. You sensed he relished his role. It was a big night for the old man. He knew it.

Ol' Satch Had Big Role in Historic Game

On a miserable team like the Browns, a man seldom gets an opportunity to distinguish himself. He is usually overwhelmed by a rash of errors or disheartened by a succession of futile batters. But on this particular night old Satch had a lead and it was a historic game. It was a long, long way from an obscure cottonpicker's cabin and a peach basket crib to the Yankee Stadium and the bright arc lights.

There was a high pop fly and the catcher raced back for it. The ball skidded out of his mitt. Satch merely hunched his shoulders. Those



Satchel Paige

Whitey Ford

His big night. He knew it. Nerves frazzled . . . control gone.

big wet eyes rolled in their sockets. He had a new white ball in his hand. It was so white it glistened. A quick jerky motion designed to upset the hitter's timing, another popup.

And so we came down to the final out with all of us, spectators and players, moving like characters in a play. It was as if it were predestined to end this way, the youthful unbeaten Ford, the remarkably agile Rizzutto, the castoffs, the brash rookies, the long winning streak, the record books yawning. Then the old Negro thwarting them all, the powerful Yankees, the canny Stengel.

I thought it was a terrific night and a great performance. When old Satch ambled off the mound he was surrounded by jubilant mates. His leathery face split in a wide grin. Almost shyly he thrust his big hand out to accept their congratulations. The cameras panned the crowd. You could see animated conversations on all sides. The tension was gone. The streak was broken. For a good two hours all of us were so absorbed we had forgotten everything else. That's the true test of superb entertainment.

The night had all the requisites of elemental drama the networks. Its reported cost was $500,000. It did feature excellent singers, dancers, comedians and films. But I sincerely believe the Yankee-Brown game, with the winning streak at stake, was a far more diverting show.

It boasted no polished professional actors. It employed no theatrical devices. But it had elements the early Greek writers would relish. a

humble team rising to smite a mighty opponent and youth versus age. There were brilliant fielding plays and stupid ones. In every inning there was something to provoke bursts of applause. Few stage or screen classics can claim as much.

Just recently, Jack Cummins, a one-time golfing phenom who is now a TV sports director in Miami, visited our sports department. He expressed concern over the future of professional sport and felt participant sports would take over in 10 years.

He said: "I just came in from Florida with my wife and children for a visit. I looked up the TV schedule for this evening. Do you know we have our choice of 32 good shows? Imagine that! We can sit and watch movies, travelogues, live drama on these television channels. Our children can see magicians, comedians or Wild West pictures!

"Just thing of the millions who will watch this great variety tonight. Why spectator sports are lucky they still exist. And, if they are ever taken off the air, they will die because of this competition."

Jack was sincere in his concern. And he may be right because those millions of magic electronic boxes are in overyone's home and nothing can blast them out of there. They may revolutionize our entertainment world the way the automobile did our social world.

But today I feel better after watching the Yankee-Brown game following so closely the big show staged by a massive cast of our best professional men and women entertainers.

A good baseball game still tops them all.

Ol' Satchmo signs for '53

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 10—(AP)—Ageless LeRoy "Satchel" Paige Saturday signed his 1953 contract with the St. Louis Browns.

It was the third Brownie contract for Paige, who first came up to the major leagues with Cleveland and Bill Veeck in 1948.

"Satch," when asked about terms of his new contract, slowed his speech down and said:

"I better take another look at the contract."

PAIGE

Paige, who had his best major league year last season with a record of 12-10, came to the Browns in 1951 after Veeck had taken over the club.

The Negro hurler got more than just a contract at the signing session though.

Veeck's wife presented "Satch" a miniature baseball outfit for his 4-week-old son—complete with rubber-lined rompers. The suit, made by Mrs. Veeck, is complete with cap, shirt, socks and even includes a miniature bat.

Paige was the 13th member of the Browns to sign a 1953 contract.

Satch Paige Wins His First Game Of Current Season

ST. LOUIS —(ANP) — The amazing Leroy (Satchel) Paige put on his best pitching exhibition of the season last week as he retired 10 straight men in a relief stint to win his first victory of the season as the St. Louis Browns whipped the Washington Senators 5 to 3.

The following night, however, Paige lost his touch in a one inning stint against the Senators and suffered his third loss of the season. Washington won 3-2 in the 10th inning. Paige struck out the first two men to face him, then faltered. Two hits and a stolen base proved to be his undoing.

For the season Paige has a 1-3 record.

'Close' to $30,000

Veteran Pitcher Will Not Reveal His Age

ST. LOUIS—Indestructible Leroy (Satchel) Paige, whose flexible right arm gave him his winningest season since coming to the majors five years ago, came to terms with the St. Louis Browns here last Saturday as he signed his 1953 contract.

Satchel, whose earnings are often as mysterious as his age . . . which is anybody's guess . . . reportedly signed for "more than $25,000 but not quite $30,000." Regardless of the exact figure, Paige is one of the highest paid players performing with the St. Louis team.

CERTAINLY ON his record and his ability to draw at the gate, the veteran pitcher deserved the contract. Last season, Paige performed magnificently for the Browns. Pitching mostly in relief for a team which shuns runs like most people do the plague, Satchel won twelve, lost ten and saved at least fifteen games for Bill Veeck's club.

Paige, who has an aversion for showing up anywhere on time, was in true form at the signing. Arriving forty-five minutes later, Satchel calmly told the battery of newsmen on hand for the signing that he had trouble parking his car. But once he arrived Satchel took little time putting his name on the dotted line.

Satchel, whose barn-storming tours have brought him in fabulous sums in the past, went through the proceedings in his calm, easy-going manner. He sat down in the best seat in the room and let reporters fire questions at will.

"DON'T START guessing about my age again," he told reporters immediately. "The way you guys talk you'd think I was the only one who knew."

Certainly there have been many guesses about the veterans correct age, but Satchel has led as many people astray in that one field as anyone.

An absent member of the Paige family was the subject of much of the conversation at the signing. He is Satchel's four-week-old son, who was presented a Browns uniform in minature—complete with hose, shirt and rubber-lined rompers with hip pockets. The suit, which was made by Veeck's wife, Mary Frances, is numeraled on the back with "No. 70."

That's the year "Satch" will retire, 1970," said Veeck. "Then the boy will take over for us."

It was left to Satchel to break the party up though. "He'll be ready before that," Paige cracked. 'I started when I was 17, he should be ready when he's 10."

Satchel Shows Sense of Humor At L. A. Fete

LOS ANGELES — No one may honestly know the authentic age of Leroy (Satchel) Paige, but there are few who deny that the veteran hurler is one of baseball's top humorists when he has the urge.

Satch, always a big hit at personal appearances, stole the show here last week at the first annual Pacific Coast League Baseball Writers' dinner in the famed Cocoanut Grove of the Ambassador Hotel.

Forced to come to the mike at the unanimous urging of the 600 guests, Satch grinned and said:

"I know that you all is wondering how old is Satch? A fellow guessed mighty close the other day. But truthfully, I don't rightfully know myself. Anyway, seems like I just keep playing baseball.

"But I guess the time is getting mighty close when I'll have to quit. I know, because Ol' Satch finds it harder and harder to limber up. Seems like my joints is getting stiffer and stiffer from lack of grease.

"Truth to tell, they're getting stiff right now from me standing up, so I'd better sit down."

And, with another tremendous ovation ringing in his ears, he sat.

Associated Press Wirephoto

SATCH SIGNS AGAIN—Leroy "Satchel" Paige, the eternal youth, signs his 1953 contract with the Browns as owner Bill Veeck looks on. The ageless right-handed hurler, who still wouldn't reveal his age, reportedly received between $25,000 and $35,000.

Satch Paiges Cites Gibson, Doby, Gehringer As Greatest

NEW YORK — (SNS) — Satchel Paige in the current Collier's names the three best batters he ever faced.

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Recalling the pitchers he has known, Satch rates Bob Feller and Dizzy Dean at the top.

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PENDLETON SIGNS WITH DODGERS; MAY BE OUTFIELDER

New York (CNS) Jim Pendleton, the sensational Negro infielder signed a '53 contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers this week. With Montreal last year, Jim compiled a .291 average and was the International League All-Star shortstop. It is believed that Manager Charley Dressen will make an outfielder of Pendleton when he reports for spring training at Vero Beach in February.

Associated Press Wirephoto

NEW BRAVES—Three newly acquired players wear Boston uniforms as the Braves go through spring training at Bradenton, Fla. Reporting yesterday, they are Andy Pafko, hard-hitting outfielder, and Jim Pendleton, rookie infielder, both obtained from the Brooklyn Dodgers, and outfielder Joe Adcock, former Cincinnati Red.

Portsmouth Signs Negro Ball Player

PORTSMOUTH, Va. — (ANP) The Portsmouth Cubs will have Negro players on its roster for the first time when spring training gets under way, owner Frank Lawrence declared last week before a Negro high school audience.

He said that the Cleveland Indians, with whom he has friendly relations, have several Negroes on their farm system and they may send at least two of them to Portsmouth.

Lawrence has said on several occasions that he has no prejudice against Negro players. He spoke at Norcom high school.

Baseball fans in the South are ready to accept Negroes if they are good. Both white and Negro sports enthusiasts like new faces at games, especially if they are reputed to be good players such as would have to be the case when Negroes are signed up.

In his talk, Lawrence said he has not intention of exploiting Negroes. "I am not going to conduct a tryout school just for Negroes. If we can find capable players, we will use them regardless of their race," he said.

Yanks Buy Power, Howard, First Negroes on Roster

Bombers Avoid Draft of Duo by Calling Them Up

By Harold Rosenthal

Vic Power and Elston Howard, Negro outfielders with the New York Yankees' farm club at Kansas City last season, were boosted with the roster of the world champions yesterday in a move which beat the minor-league player freeze by three days. They will report for spring training at St. Petersburg, Fla., and will become the first members of their race to wear the uniform of the sixteen-time World Series winners.

All three New York clubs now have Negro players, as do a total of eleven of the sixteen teams in both major leagues. The Yankees, Chicago Cubs, Philadelphia Athletics, Cincinnati Redlegs and Pittsburgh Pirates all made their move toward acquiring Negro players within the last few months.

The Redlegs had been reported as being seriously interested in Power in the event he didn't fit in with the Yankees' plans. The clubs which do not have a Negro player on their rosters are Washington, Detroit, Boston, St. Louis and the Philadelphia Phillies.

The Yankees decision to bring up Power and Howard apparently was made in a high-level conference last week just before Casey Stengel, Yankee manager, departed for his home in Glendale, Calif., and George M. Weiss, vice-president and general manager, took off for a vacation. Howard, like Power, no longer had any options left for playing in the minor leagues.

Both would have had to go through the draft in December where one or the other would have fallen into some one's lap, a terrific plum at the standard $10,000 draft price.

Ever since Power became a slugging sensation with Kansas City early in 1952 (he won the American Association batting title with a bristling .349 this season) the Yankees have been under terrific pressure to bring him up. In mid-season of 1952 the Yankee Stadium was picketed by people with signs demanding that the Yankees end their "discrimination." Weiss's answer to this at the time was there wasn't any sentiment of this type in the Yankee organization, but that no player would be brought up just because he happened to be a Negro.

Robinson Accused Yankees

The following December Jackie Robinson accused the Yankee front office, during a television show, of being prejudiced against Negroes. From Phoenix, where all the Yankee administration men were attending the annual winter meetings, the Yankees answered again:

"There is nothing of the sort in the Yankee organization. With the exception of Jackie Robinson we have been interested in just about every Negro player who has come up to the majors."

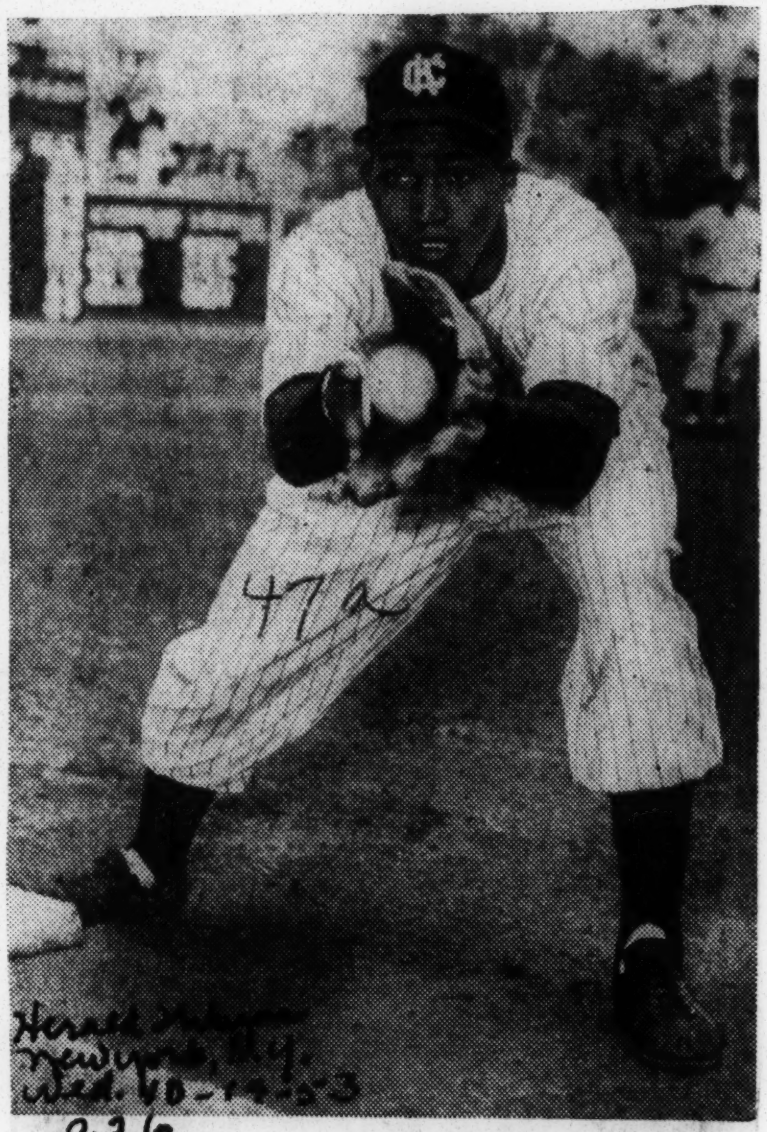
Power, a twenty-three-year-old Puerto Rican, was purchased from the Drummondville (Quebec) club in the Class C Provincial League. He played for Syracuse, then was moved to Kansas City along with Ruben Gomez another Puerto Rican. Gomez, a pitcher, had been drafted by the Yankees from St. Jean in the Provincial League the previous season.

Gomez eventually jumped the Kansas City club to play summer ball in the Dominican Republic. He wound up with the Giants in 1953, where he was the best pitcher on a rather lugubrious Polo Grounds squad.

Fower came up an infielder, was switched to the outfield, to third base and back to the outfield again. Howard, who was purchased from the Kansas City Monarchs in the Negro League, had a half-season with Muskegon, Mich., in the since-defunct Class A Central League before he entered the service. He is decidedly faster than Power.

The Yankees will face the segregation problem encountered by both the Dodgers and Giants in Florida in housing the new men. When the Giants traded training bases with the Yankees in the spring of 1951 the Giants' Negro players had to be boarded with Negro families. At Vero Beach Brooklyn has no housing problem since the players are put up at a large ex-Navy base but segregation exists in the city once the players leave the base.

Six other Yankee farm hands were brought up to beat the draft. Four of these came from Kansas City — pitchers Mel Wright and Wally Burnette, Lew Berberet, a catcher, and Bill Virdon, an outfielder. Birmingham, the Yankees' farm in the Southern Association, sent up Emil Tellinger and Hal Smith, outfielders. Lopped from the Yankee roster and sold to Kansas City were Harry Schaeffer, left-handed pitcher and Frank Verdi, an infielder.



Herald Tribune—United Press

Vic Power, who, with Elston Howard, was purchased yesterday by the Yankees from the Kansas City club of the American Association. They will be the first Negroes to wear the uniform of the World Champions.

Grambling U. Star Signed By Pirates

By COLLIE J. NICHOLSON

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Eugene Elliott, an all-time Grambling athletic ace, was signed to a bonus contract by the Pittsburgh Pirates early this week.

The acrobatic shortstop was farmed to St. John's in the Class C. Provincial League in Canada.

Elliott received a bonus of $3,000.

Pirate scout Frank Rickey, brother of Bucaneer President Branch Rickey, signed the ex-college star in the club's home office in Pittsburgh.

Turns Down Cards

Elliott flew to Pittsburgh for the occasion after refusing a St. Louis Cardinal offer.

Considered an excellent major league prospect, Eugene was sought after by the Milwaukee Braves and the Chicago White Sox.

His coach said he had few peers at the shortstop position in college ball.

Elliott refused a Pittsburgh contract last summer to complete his college work in physical education.

He graduated in May.

Pirate officials expect the hard-working infielder to fit well into organized baseball's high standards of tight defense, heads-up play and high team spirit.

Fine Competitor

His competitive spirit caught Branch Rickey's eye last summer when he participated in pre-game drills with Pittsburgh at Forbes Field.

He worked out with the Pirates for three days.

A sharp fielder and a lusty hitter, Eugene led Grambling afield and at bat during the spring season. He hit .423 in 23 games and scored 21 runs.

Elliott is a product of Booker Washington High school in New Orleans and the City Recreation baseball league.

He is 20, weighs 185 and throws and hits right handed.

Elliott captained the baseball and basketball teams during his senior year and provided a steadying influence for freshmen athletes on both squads.

Bucs Finally Put Negro On Roster

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 8 (U.P.) — The signing of Infielder Curtis Benjamin Roberts as the first Negro player on the Pittsburgh Pirates roster was announced today by General Manager Branch Rickey.

Rickey said that the deal with the Denver Club of the Class A Western League for Roberts was conditional. He said Roberts will be given "every chance" to make the club when he reports to the training base at Fort Pierce, Fla., next Spring.

Roberts, 24, played second base with Denver the past three seasons and won the praise of Pirate scouts with his excellent fielding and base-running. He wound up the 1953 season with a .291 batting average and set a new Western League record with 468 assists.

The righthander is a native of Oakland, Cal., where he distinguished himself as an All-Northern California high school player. After a hitch in American Legion junior baseball, Roberts joined the Mexican League where he caught the eye of Denver Manager Andy Cohen who signed him to a contract.

—Already recipient of more than 150 citations from various organizations, Brooklyn Dodger star Jackie Robinson last week was presented the Golden Shoe Award as "athlete of the year" at the annual United Jewish Appeal dinner. Sam Abrams, right, makes the presentation to Robinson, and one — a good-luck horseshoe — to Dodger manager Chuck Dressen, left.

Sports of The Times

By ARTHUR DALEY

Shooting at the Stars

THE balloting will end tonight for the starting line-ups for the All-Star game at Cincinnati on July 14. Strange and perplexing are those line-ups likely to be. The fans select them by popular vote and yet the fans can't be blamed for certain anomalies that are likely to appear. It may sound ridiculous, but there is a strong chance that Jackie Robinson won't make the National League starting team.

If the Brooklyn firebrand isn't the best player in the game, then Stan Musial is. And Musial may not rate varsity selection either. They'll both be named to the squad, of course, by managerial ukase. But these are nine-inning ball players, not part-time workers.

But how do you vote Robinson onto the team? Is he a third baseman or is he a left fielder? The voter has to be specific in making his selections. However, even Manager Charlie Dressen isn't sure because he has been bouncing him around from third to first to left. What's Whitey Lockman—a first baseman or a left fielder? Ditto for Gil Hodges.

Too Much Juggling

Not in memory has there ever been as much juggling as there has been this season. In the old days the three top National League shortstops were Peewee Reese, Alvin Dark and Granny Hamner. Yet Reese has to be given the place, almost by default although he probably rates it anyway. Hamner has been shifted to second. So has Dark, along with whirls at third base and left field. George Kell of the Red Sox also has seen service in the outfield. It's bewildering.

Musial stepped off to such a slow start that he has been trailing Ralph Kiner in the left-field balloting. But if you were choosing sides, you'd positively have to pick the swift-moving, sure-fielding Musial (six-time batting champion with a lifetime average of .346) to Kiner (lifetime average .286).

The Yankees' alarming descent has changed the complexion of the American League balloting as Gene Woodling, Mickey Mantle and Hank Bauer, all leaders for outfield jobs, have faded sharply in the last fortnight as hitters. Young Tom Umphlett, the red-hot Red Soxer, keeps blasting away and it's hard to displace him as starting center fielder. Minnie Minoso has moved past Woodling and only Bauer remains, mainly because his competition for the right field job isn't so strong.

A Big Change

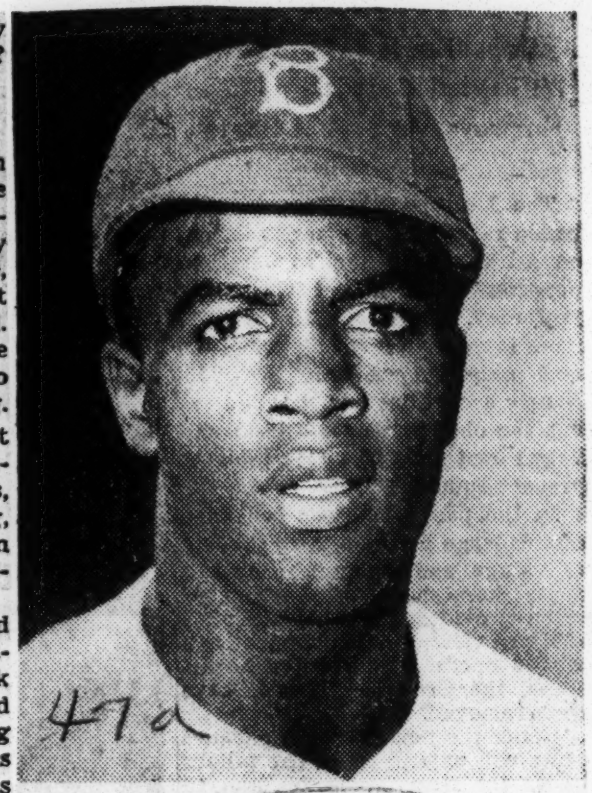
No longer is it automatic to assign the shortstop post to Phil Rizzuto. The ailing Scooter isn't the wonder he used to be. Harvey Kuenn, the Tiger rookie, rates the starting role on his hitting, although Chico Carrasquel of the White Sox is a better fielder. Mickey Vernon of the Senators, Billy Goodman of the Bosox and Al Rosen of the Indians should round out the infields.

Yogi Berra outranks youthful Sammy White of the Red Sox as starting catcher only on experience and the ability to hit a longer ball. That also is a sad comedown. The Yogi man once owned this position all by himself, just as Roy Campanella did in the other league. Roy still gets the nod, but youthful Del Crandall of the Braves is pressing him.

Except for Campy the only sure-shot and obvious National League starters should be Red Schoendienst of the Cards at second and Ed Mathews of the Braves at third. They are naturals. So, for that matter, is the still competent Reese at short. But what do we do for first base?

Baffling Choice

Ah! That's a problem. The muscular Ted Kluszewski of the Reds is a power hitter. But he is no George Sisler in the field. Hodges, back on the beam after the worst possible start, is an infinitely superior fielder and probably a better hitter than Titanic Ted. But is Hodges a first baseman these days? The evidence hardly supports it since he has been doing an awful lot of outfielding of late. Maybe it isn't a logical or fair move, but this voter casts a ballot for big Gil at first.



Jackie Robinson

Musial is the choice over Kiner in left. How about center? That's a tight squeeze. The National League has some exceptional center fielders. There's Duke Snider of the Brooks, Richie Ashburn of the Phils, Bobby Thomson of the Giants and Gus Bell of the Reds, all among the top-ranking hitters. But this is one spot where personal preference has to enter into it. The feeling here is that the Duke of Flatbush is the best all-around player of all.

Right field is as baffling a problem, although it's on a lower level. The four leaders are Enos Slaughter of the Cards, Monty Irvin of the Giants, Carl Furillo of the Dodgers and Hank Sauer of the Cubs. As of this moment the rifle-armed Furillo is the hottest. So he's the selection here.

Each team would be far stronger if the voters had the managerial privilege of doing some juggling. It's a cinch that neither Casey Stengel nor Charlie Dressen will like the line-ups the fans will give them, but they won't be able to do anything about it until after four and a half innings. That's when there will be some changes made.

Yet this fan feels a gnawing sense of frustration and injustice in naming two teams and finding no room for Jackie Robinson. It just doesn't make sense. He should be the first one named for the Nationals. But where do you put the guy? High is the price that he's paying for being so doggone versatile.

Saga Magaizne Says Jackie Robinson To Be In "Hall of Fame"

New York—"There should be only one rule of thumb applied to candidates for the (Baseball) Hall of Fame, and that is how well they played the game," comments noted sports writer Ed Fitzgerald in the current issue of Saga Magazine. "Jackie Robinson has played it very well indeed.

"As a tense, heavily burdened rookie in 1947, he hit 297 for Brooklyn and led the league in stolen bases with 29; .296 in 1948; won the National League Batting championship with .342 in 1949; played in the All Star games of 1949, 1950, 1951, and 1952. In 1949, he was named the Most Valuable Player in the National League.

"It's going to be hard for anyone who judges him solely on the basis of that performance to vote anything except 'yes' when the question of Jackie's right to membership in the Hall of Fame finally comes up. His qualifications are not newspaper headlines, but base-hits—and that's the way it ought to be," the Saga article concludes.

'Prejudiced,' Says Jackie of Writers

New York, July 25 (AP)—Jackie Robinson, the stormy Brooklyn Dodger baseball star, said today in a magazine article that certain newspaper men are prejudiced, careless, and dishonest. He said the press, in his opinion, still has not accepted the Negro players completely.

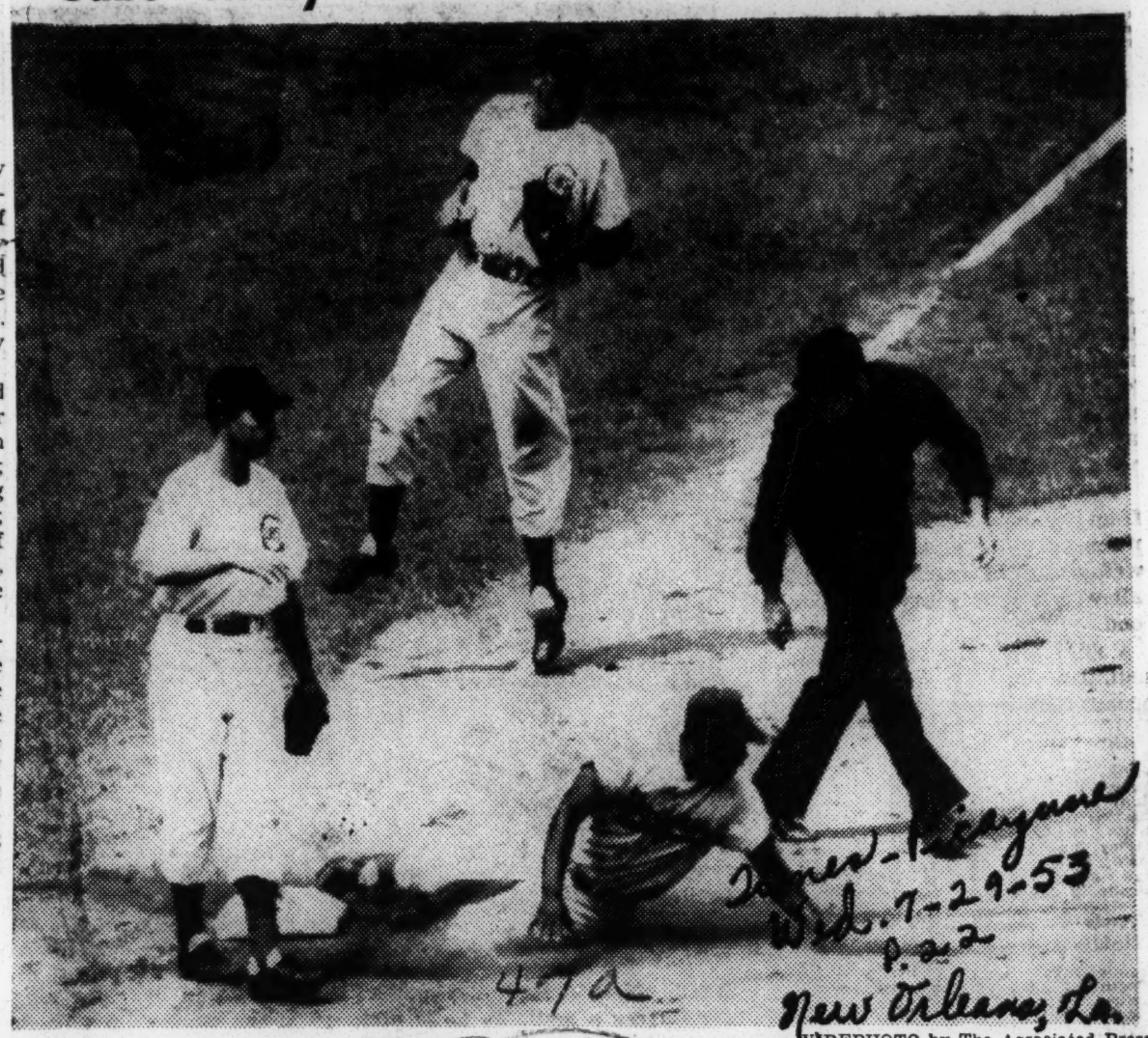
The article entitled "Have I Achieved My Goal?" appears under his byline in the August issue of "Our Sports," a monthly aimed at Negro sports fans. It is edited by Robinson.

Asked whether the quotes attributed to him were correct, he replied:

"Certainly. That's the way I feel about it."

Robinson said there are many honest reporters who work at their jobs conscientiously and impartially, but added that careless or prejudiced newspaper men have done a great deal of damage. He does not say to whom.

Cubs' Shaky Defense Loses Run-Down Victim



—WIREPHOTO by The Associated Press.

ROBINSON STILL GETS THERE—Jackie Robinson of the Dodgers goes into third base after being trapped off second in the second inning in Tuesday's game with the Cubs at Chicago. Cub third baseman Ranson Jackson stands around while pitcher Johnny Klippstein dances into back-up position, but the second baseman had just dropped the throw, enabling Robinson to reach third safely. The Dodgers walked away with a 13-2 victory.

Praises Frick, Giles

Robinson took time out to praise Commissioner Ford Frick and Warren Giles, National league president as "fair and reasonable gentlemen who treat all players with equal impartiality," and handed bouquets to his teammates, especially Pee Wee Reese, Winning the acceptance of his teammates, he says, was the easiest part of his struggle.

"A prejudiced reporter, in writing a bias account of a controversial incident, can damage one's reputation with a few venomous paragrafs," he writes. "I have met prejudiced reporters.

"A careless reporter can do much damage by failing to check, accepting a second hand story, or by writing something nasty just to be funny. I have met careless reporters.

"Have Done Great Damage"

"An honest reporter who works at his job conscientiously and impartially, can be a great friend to ball players. I have met honest reporters—many of them—from the first day I came into baseball.

"But the careless and prejudiced newspaper men have done a great deal of damage—more than the honest men can undo."

Robinson brought up a 1951 incident in Boston in which a Dodger player kicked in the door of the umpires' dressing room after a close decision by an umpire had cost Brooklyn an important game.

"Later I read in a Boston paper that I had kicked in the door," he said. "I assured the newspaper man that I didn't do it and asked him why he blamed me. He said someone in the press box had told him I did it and he didn't have time to check it because he was right on deadline.

"No denials were ever printed. [The Associated Press interviewed Robinson about the door-kicking episode and reported his denial.]

"I wonder tho, if someone other than myself were involved, wouldn't the Boston writer have checked?

"I believe many reporters are not being true to themselves nor to their readers. As far as the press is concerned, I don't believe Negro players have been accepted completely because most incidents involving Negroes are blown up out of proportion."

Law Bans Mixed 9 In Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Public Safety Commissioner Eugene "Bull" Connor said this week that Jackie Robinson's All-Stars, which include several white players, will not be allowed to play in Birmingham Oct. 18.

"There is a city ordinance that forbids mixed athletic events," Connor said.

Formerly Robinson toured the country with an all-Negro team, but this year he has signed up several white players.

Connor said he had called Birmingham Baron Manager Eddie Glennon Friday morning about the proposed game in Birmingham, Glennon had informed him that Robinson was informed of the Birmigham ordinance.

Several weeks ago the Birmigham city commission failed to consider an expected repeal of the local racial segregation law, which would have permitted Negro and white athletes to play together.

The expected repeal was designed primarily to permit the Birmingham Barons to meet partly Negro teams in the Dixie series if the Barons should have won out in the Southern association play off against Nashville.

Birmingham was eliminated from the playoffs, so the city commission did not discuss the projected measure.

Jackie Robinson's Stars Defeat Negro Leaguers

Lynchburg, Va., Oct. 1 (AP)—Jackie Robinson's All-Stars made the most of nine hits and seven errors by the Negro League All-Stars last night to take a 9 to 3 exhibition baseball triumph before 1,200. Luke Easter snapped a 2 to 2 tie in the fifth inning with a home run. Robinson had three singles in five times at bat.

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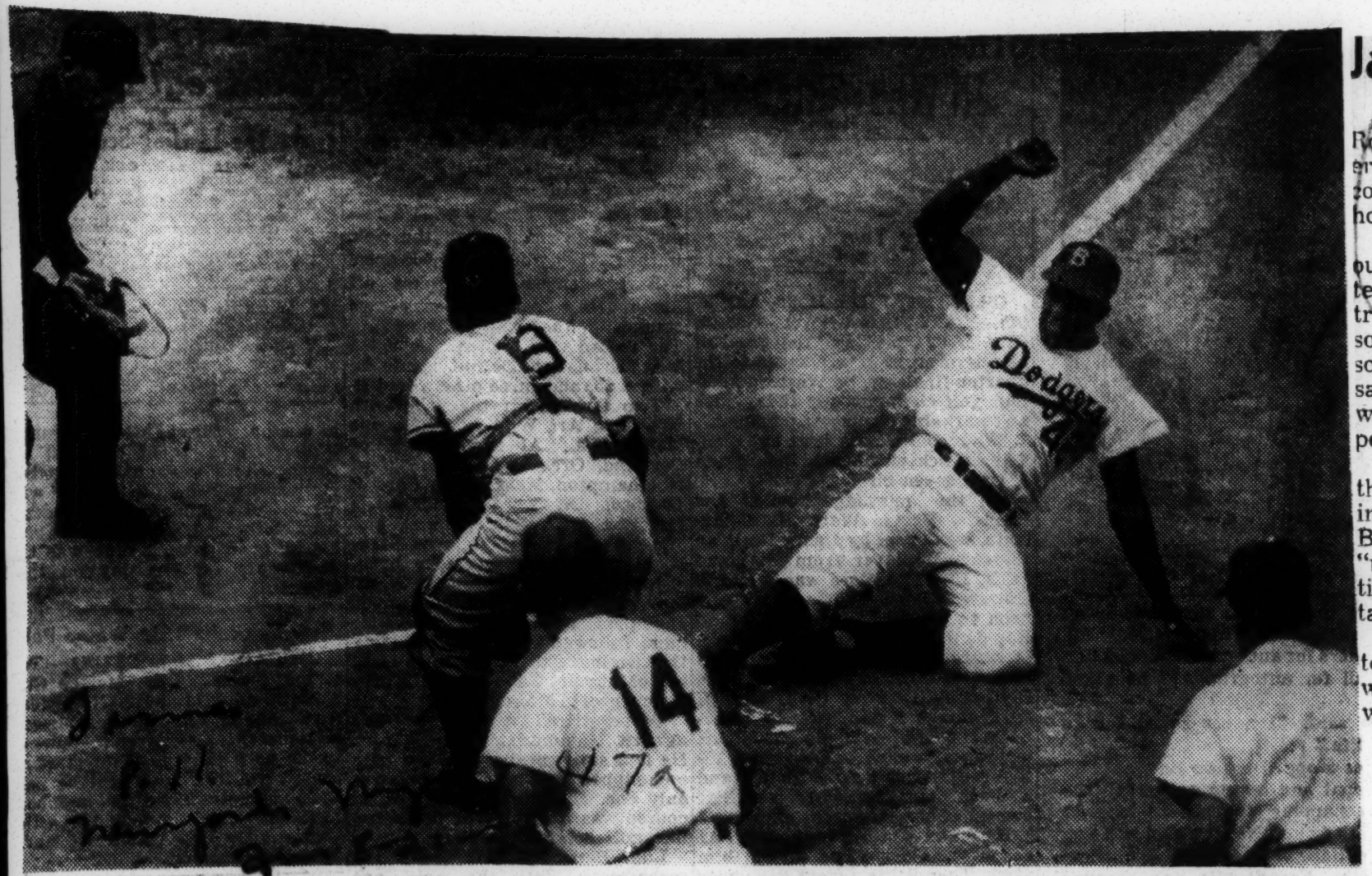

The New York Times

ONLY THE BEGINNING: Jackie Robinson, Brooklyn left fielder, slides home for a run on Roy Campanella's hit to left in first inning of yesterday's 10-0 rout of the Giants at Ebbets Field. Gil Hodges (14), Dodger first baseman, and Brooklyn bat boy stand by to share the fun. Umpire calling the play is Lon Warneke and unhappy Giant catcher is Wes Westrum.

Jackie Robinson Story

It has come to our attention that Jackie Robinson, star Brooklyn Dodger ball-player, has been pulling off some strange acts, considering just who Jackie Robinson is and how he came to be what he is.

Robinson, like a number of other famous ball players has an All-star baseball team which barnstorms through the country at the end of the regular baseball season. In this manner ball players can make some extra cash and do a service to thousands of people, in the south particularly, who never get an opportunity to see them perform.

With his interracial team, Robinson in the last few weeks has made an appearance in a number of southern cities including Birmingham and Memphis where iron clad "race" laws prevail. In the two cities mentioned interracial activity, even in sports, is taboo.

A few days before Robinson's team was to appear in Birmingham public officials were reported to have stated that the game would be played "between colored boys."

Jackie's all-stars on 8-state tour

BALTIMORE

Jackie Robinson, star of the Brooklyn Dodgers, will open an eight - state barnstorming tour with his All Star team here on Oct. 9, at Westport Stadium.

Gil Hodges, a teammate; Al Rosen and Luke Easter, Cleveland Indians; and Bob Trice of the Philadelphia Athletics, will be among the outstanding players.

Competition on the tour will be furnished by the Negro League All Stars including most of the world-famous Indianapolis Clowns.

The first three weeks schedule is as follows:

OCTOBER 9—Baltimore; 1 — Wilmington, N.C.; 11—Norfolk, Va. (Afternoon), Neport News (night); 12—Winston-Salem, N.C.; 13 — Lynchburg, Va.; 14—Charlotte, N.C.; 1—Asheville, N.C.; 16—Conover; 17—Chattanooga, Tenn.; 18 — Birmingham, Ala.

OCTOBER 19—Nashville, Tenn.; 20—Decatur, Ala. (afternoon), Florence (night); 21—Memphis, Tenn.; 22—Hot Springs, Ark. (afternoon); Little Rock (night); 23—Sheveport, La.; 24—Natchez, Miss.; 25—New Orleans (afternoon), Baton Rouge (night); 26—New Orleans;

OCTOBER 27—Open; 28 — Mobile, Ala.; 29—Fort Arthur, Tex.; 30—Lake Charles, La.; 31 — Galveston, Tex.

NOVEMBER 1—Houston, Tex.

Robby's 'Mixed' Team Booked Here

NEW YORK, Oct 7 (AP)—Jackie Robinson and his All-Stars will open a 30-day barnstorming tour of the South in Baltimore Friday night.

The star Brooklyn infielder-outfielder usually has toured with an all-Negro team but this time he has signed up several white players, including Cleveland's Al Rosen, Brooklyn's Gil Hodges and Detroit's Ralph Branca.

Also on his squad are Cleveland's Luke Easter and Bob Trice, Philadelphia As rookie pitcher.

The opposition is a team made up of Negro League All-Stars, including most of the Indianapolis Clowns.

The schedule for the first part of the tour includes:

Oct. 9, Baltimore; 10, Wilmington, Del.; 11, Norfolk, Va., day; 11, (night), Newport News, Va.; 12, Winston-Salem, N. C.; 13, Lynchburg, Va.; 14, Charlotte, N. C.; 15, Asheville, N. C.; 16, Conover, N. C.; 17, Chattanooga, Tenn.; 18, Birmingham, Ala.; 19, Nashville, Tenn.; 20, day, Decatur, Ala.; 20, night, Florence, Ala.; 21, Memphis, Tenn.; 22, day, Hot Springs, Ark.; 22, night, Little Rock, Ark.; 23, Shreveport, La.; 24, Natchez, Miss.; 25, day, New Orleans; 26, night, Baton Rouge, La.; 27, day, Hattiesburg, Miss.; 27, night, Laurel, Miss.; 28, Mobile; 29, Port Arthur, Tex.; 30, Lake Charles, La.; 31, Galveston; Nov. 1, Houston.

Our Opinions

Jackie Disgraces The Race

It was with a sense of shame that we learned that Jackie Robinson bowed to southern racial prejudice last week for the sake of making a few dollars.

We are refering to the games played in Birmingham and Memphis last week by Jackie Robinson's All-Stars in which he voluntarily yielded to local law to exclude white members of the team from participation.

It is sickening to think that by his disgraceful kow-towing to racial bigotry, Jackie has let down the sports writers white and colored and the legions of other people who have stood behind him in his fight to win respect as an individual in the big league world. The full blame for the blunder is on him.

Once again, we are forced to witness the spectacle of the sacrifice of principle for the cursed dollar. Jackie is no novice when it comes to Jim Crow practices in the South.

He would have protested as loudly as he has done in the past were it he instead of the white members of the team who were barred.

As much as Jackie has played baseball in the South, he must certainly have known of the regulations in Birmingham and Memphis which prevented his team playing as a whole unit.

In making out the itinerary for the team he should have insisted that no place be included where all members of the team would not be allowed to perform.

As sensitive as he is on matters of race we are sure that he would have insisted upon some such clause were he the lone Negro on a white team traveling through the South.

The argument of the NAACP and other interested groups and individuals against such un-American regulations are weakened when persons of Jackie's prominence and reputation in racial matters accept such degrading conditions in order to make a few dollars.

We think Jackie owes an apology to every white member of his squad for the embarrassment he has subjected them to. We feel that Jackie should also apologize to every real American who is fighting against racial segregation and discrimination in this country.

To put it mildly, we are embarrassed by Jackie's conduct and hereby register our complete disgust with him for his "Uncle Tomism" in Birmingham and Memphis.

HIS SIDE OF STORY:

Jackie says press unfair in Birmingham JC affair

BY JAMES L. HICKS

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Jackie Robinson admitted Wednesday that he "might have been wrong" in playing a jim-crow baseball game in Birmingham recently, but said he did not think so at the time and is not so sure about it even now.

Robinson summoned the press to a pre-Thanksgiving Day luncheon at the Harlem YMCA to explain "my side" of the ball game in which he and Luke Easter played with other colored all stars after Birmingham officials had barred Gil Hodges, Ralph Branca and Bobby Young from playing in the same game because they are white. The three were members of the "Jackie Robinson All Stars" barnstorming troupe.

Jackie began the conference by telling newsmen that he probably was being "over sensitive" but that he could not help but feel that the colored press had been "unfair" to him in harshly criticizing him for playing the game when his white teammates were barred.

Charges Unfairness

"The thing I think was most unfair," he said, "was that the colored press beat my brains out without ever trying to get my side of the story."

The reporters then settled down to Jackie's delicious turkey dinner and asked him to tell them his side of the story.

Robinson then produced Ted Worner a baseball promoter and told the press that contrary to reports that he had broken the Jim Crow line for the all powerful dollar, he actually was only a "hired hand" in Birmingham working for Worner who promoted the game.

Jackie said he had a contract with Worner to play the exhibition games and that he would have been paid his money even if it had rained "30 days."

Told Was Worked Out

He said he did not know until two days before the Birmingham game that the city officials were objecting to mixed baseball teams and that even then he was told that it was being "worked out."

He admitted, however that on arrival at Birmingham, editor Emory O. Jackson and others had opposed his playing without his teammates but he said he was also told that any incident connected with the promotion might serve as campaign fodder for Bull O'Connor, or Birmingham.

Jackie said he was informed that O'Connor was on his way out in politics in Birmingham and was trying to run for sheriff. He said he was advised that O'Connor was shrewd enough to take any incident to help win the election. Robinson said he did not wish to help O'Connor in any way so he agreed to play the game without his white team mates.

Verified By Worner

Worner picked up the story from there and verified what Jackie had said. Worner said he was told that the city's incoming officials were going to strike down the ban against mixed ball playing as soon as they could get O'Connor out of office and he urged Jackie to play without the white players to avoid an incident which might help O'Connor run for sheriff.

"I'm not saying I was right" Robinson said. "I've been wrong many times. And remember I had only two days to make up my mind."

Jackie then told reporters that on other occasions when faced with such problems he had always sought competent advice. (he pointed to Y manager Rudolph Thomas who was present and said Mr. Thomas often advised him in the past along with "many others").

He said in Birmingham, however, he was without such advice and had to make the decision for himself, practically on the spur of the moment.

Jackie in error, AFRO called him

Jackie Robinson is absolutely in error when he says that the press did not try to get his side of the Birmingham story, when he was accused of bowing to prejudice by playing a jim-crow barnstorming baseball game in the Alabama city last month.

Robinson's statement, generalized as it is, includes the AFRO in his charges against "the press." The AFRO talked to Robinson by long-distance telephone on the morning of the game in question, got "his side of the story" and PRINTED IT — SAM LACY.

Getting Along

BY LAUREEN WHITE

NEW YORK —(GLOBAL)— Jackie Robinson has done many things to make his admirers proud of him. The forbearance he displayed when first brought up to the major leagues, was enough to create admiration even from those who didn't like him. No player in baseball ever suffered the insults and abuse he was forced to take. A lesser man would have cracked under the strain. Jackie could take it.

When Robinson really got started in the major leagues, he was sensational. His daring and skill have earned him a place among baseball's immortals. Fans will long remember the many times he stole home in close games, and his skill as a fielder, and the weight of his bat in the clutch.

Jackie's exploits have been thrilling and fans like to recall them, but the athlete gets precious little of a substantial nature from thrilling the crowd. And, before too long Jackie will have to step down. He knows this and he is investing his money wisely to prepare for the day. According to reliable reports, Robinson recently purchased three apartment houses in one of the better sections of New York.

Jackie Robinson's admirers can be proud of him for many reasons. However, this writer is more proud of him for his intelligence in preparing for his future than for any other reason. The entire world knows that there are many great athletes among colored Americans, but the world may doubt that many of them have the judgment necessary to establish themselves well financially. The world admires a man who can take care of himself. Often we pity a deserving individual who cannot take care of himself, but an individual should not want to be an object of pity.

In days to come, when Jackie has lost some of the spring and bounce that made him a great athlete, he can sit around and relax and think about past days with no regrets. His real estate investments will support him.

Good luck to Jackie in his new enterprise.

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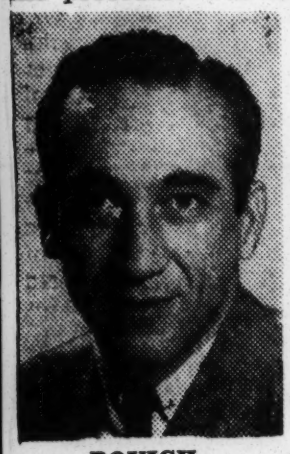
"No More Shutouts"

Griffith Wishes He Had Suit case Simpson

By Shirley Povich

CLARK GRIFFITH, president of the Washington Senators, was one of those who yelped when Branch Rickey introduced the Negro player to organized baseball in 1946. Griffith said the procedure was illegal; that Rickey was destroying the Negro leagues by his "outlaw raids" and that organized baseball should respect the contracts of the Negro teams.



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If Griffith's position was that of the protector of the colored leagues, it was understandable. He was getting fat rentals from the Negro teams that played in his Washington park. But Negro Americans, elated over the breaching of the color barrier in baseball at last, wanted to be saved from benefactors like Griffith.

Washington, one of the teams that has never had a Negro on its roster, fattened on the colored players brought to Griffith Stadium by other clubs, however. Gate receipts zoomed when Cleveland, with Doby and Easter and Paige, came to town; and preseason exhibition games with Brooklyn went far toward paying the Senators' entire spring training expenses.

In later years, Griffith's position toward colored players softened and he actually made overtures to Cleveland for Outfielder Larry Doby. The Indians' asking price, Outfielder Irv Noren, Griffith considered too high. During the past year, Griffith has been coveting Harry (Suitcase) Simpson, also of the Indians, and has been frank in saying, "I wish he was on my team."

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SIMPSON, a valued member of the Indians, is rated almost as fine a ball player as Orestes Minoso, of the White Sox, colored Cuban outfielder. The Senators could have had Minoso for nothing a few years back. Their Cuban scout, Joe Cambria, recommended him strongly. But in those days, the Senators were having no Negroes.

It was Cleveland that brought Minoso into the majors, buying him in 1948 from the New York Cubans of the Negro National League. He was a sensation under Bucky Harris in the Coast League at San Diego, and the Indians called him in, in 1951. He immediately posed a new problem.

Now the Indians had four Negro players—Doby, Easter, Simpson and Minoso. They wondered if four Negroes on the same team were not too many, decided it would be better if there were only three. One had to go. Simpson or Minoso? General Manager Hank Greenberg, relying on his scouts' reports from the Coast League, cast his lot with Simpson and dealt Minoso off to the Chicago White Sox. Many a time, he wished he had that decision back.

Simpson became a fine ball player with Cleveland, but Minoso was something super with the White Sox. He was denied Rookie of the Year honors in 1951 by the injustice of a vote that gave the award to the Yankees' Gil McDougald, whom he outhit by 20 points, outfielded, outran and outeverythinged except in home runs.

MINOSO BLOSSOMED as a .326 hitter for the White Sox in his first year and led the league in stolen bases. That there was still some intolerance among the white players toward the Negroes, particularly among the pitchers, was demonstrated when Minoso in '51 led the league in another department: getting hit by pitched balls (16).

Minoso could have been labeled "The American League's Sam Jethroe," on the basis of his speed. A year before, Jethroe had beaten him into the majors, with the Boston Braves, and became the standard index whenever speed was the topic. "Fast as Jethroe" was the biggest compliment to any speedster.

Jethroe led the National League in steals in both 1950-51. Jackie Robinson had topped the league in steals in two of the previous years. And then Minoso stole more bases than any other American Leaguer the first two years he was up. Negro players became synonymous with speed on the bases.

Even as in the 1930s, when Jesse Owen, Barney Ewell and the great surge of Negro track stars were dominating the sprints, experts sought for a reason for the rare speed of the colored boys. There was some attempt made to trace it to special biological advantages like a longer tendon in the heel, or rare bone formations, which were promptly laughed off.

LARRY DOBY once told me his views on the speed of colored ball players, which he agreed is better than average. "Maybe we got chased home oftener than the white boys, and had to run," he grinned. Then he played it straight. "It never cost anything to run. We never had to buy any special equipment. Maybe that's why we did so much of it."

The signing of Jethroe by the Boston Braves was a significant step toward the further integration of colored players into the majors. The Dodgers bought Jethroe from the Cleveland Buckeyes in 1948 and the next year farmed him out to their Montreal club. He was tremendous in Triple A-ball. Any major leaguer could lead the league with 30 stolen bases. Speed Boy Jethroe stole 89 for Montreal in 1949.

Ordinarily, Brooklyn would have called Jethroe up. His .325 batting average was second best in the league, and the Dodgers needed outfielders. On that basis, any club would be crazy to sell a man like Jethroe. But the Dodgers did, to the Braves. Branch Rickey felt good about it, too. He wasn't keen on helping the Braves, but he was eager to expand the number of big league clubs who would play Negroes in their lineup.

The Braves went high for Jethroe. A $100,000 price tag was the most-reported figure. A far cry from Jethroe's trip to Boston five years before when he was one of three Negro players given the brush-off by the Red Sox, who had been badgered into allowing them a "try-out." Jackie Robinson was another one of the trio, and it was Robinson's demonstrations with the Dodgers later that set in motion the bidding for other colored players.

In Brooklyn, and at Chicago and Cleveland, where there are large colored populations, the signing of Negro players might have been suspect as crass efforts to whip up more gate receipts. But not in Boston, where the colored population is sparse. The Braves signed Jethroe not because of the color of his skin, but because they liked the brightness of his chances to help the Braves win more ball games.

"No More Shutouts"

Rickey First to Befriend Negro Ball Players

By Shirley Povich

THE EXCLUSION of Negroes from organized baseball was natural fodder for the Communists who set up a loud holler as soon as they recognized the propaganda value of the situation. The Daily Worker's sports editor, Nat Low, spearheaded the first move to high-pressure the Dodgers into giving tryouts to two colored players.

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That was early in 1945, and the New York legislature gave the Commies a new weapon to wield with its passage of the Quinn-Ives bill which attempted to strike at discrimination by threatening jail sentences for employers who would not hire competent Negro applicants merely on racial grounds.

The Daily worker and representatives of two Negro newspapers badgered Rickey into giving a tryout to Terris McDuffie, a pitcher, and Dave (Showboat) Thomas, a first baseman. Originally Rickey agreed to make it a private tryout at Bear Mountain, N. Y., war-time site of the Dodgers' training camp. But the Worker's sports editor deliberately "leaked" the plan to other newspapers to pressure more public interest.

Rickey was indignant at the trick, but permitted the Negro delegation to go through with the tryout. McDuffie and Thomas showed off their talents in a workout with Brooklyn players. At the finish, Rickey issued a statement to the effect that the two Negroes did not measure up.

Meanwhile, Daily Worker Sports Editor Low wes issuing his own statement. "Those two players are better than those you have out there on the field," he told Rickey. "I know they can help your team."

Rickey crushed him with "a more debatable statement, I have never heard." The Brooklyn president, who even then had his own secret plans for bringing a competent Negro player into organized baseball, demonstrated that he doesn't scare easily. "McDuffie," he said, "is too old at 32. Thomas could not hit a change of pace with a bull fiddle, and I would not take him if he were 24 instead of 34."

The Worker and the Negro newspapers proclaimed, nevertheless, that "official recognition of the ability of colored players" was achieved by the workout. Rickey instantly denied it.

"Force such as they used to pressure us into an immediate trial would set the case of the Negroes back a considerable length of time," he said. "Any ball player who came into camp and used the methods those people used, demanding an immediate trial without recommendation or scouting whatsoever, would have been ushered to the door immediately. However, because of the unusual circumstances, I acceeded to their wishes."

McDuffie and Thomas were not the Negro players best calculated to impress a major league owner. Any of a dozen others would have had a better chance. And the pair selected were in their thirties, too old to start with. The high suspicion is that the Daily Worker was more interested in creating an "incident" than in impressing Rickey with the Negroes' talents.

Baseball's ban against Negroes was heating up in New York, however, and Mayor LaGuardia asked both Rickey and Larry McPhail to serve on a Unity Committee to study problems of racial relationship. McPhail made himself clear immediately, saying he was against any plan that might bring Negroes into organized baseball and thus scuttle the Negroes' own leagues.

McPhail admitted his motives were mercenary. He pointed out that the Negro league games played in Yankee Stadium netted the Yankees $100,000 a year in rentals which they might lose. He denied that any rule, written or unwritten, was keeping the Negro out of baseball. He didn't say he would hire a Negro player, but he was quoted as saying, "If I wanted to do it, I'd just do it. Who the hell would stop me?"

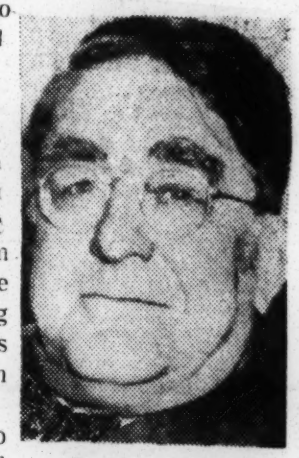
In his more formal report to the mayor, however, McPhail sounded the old line about keeping white and Negro baseball apart. "Baseball established itself as a great national sport, built up over a period of years with increasing prestige and prosperity on the basis of separate white and Negro leagues," he wrote. "The white leagues form the structure known as organized baseball, a hundred million dollar business operating in 40 leagues in the United States and Canada.

"Signing a few Negro players for the major leagues would contribute little or nothing toward a solution of the basic problem . . . Negro baseball's four leagues employ 400 players in 24 clubs. If we take their stars, they fold up. If Negro leagues put their house in order and establish sound and ethical operation basis, and conform to the standards of organized baseball, I would favor admitting them to organized baseball."

McPhail's line was faithfully echoed in Washington by Clark Griffith, who, like the Yankees, was getting fat rentals from colored games in Griffith Stadium. In fact, Griffith may have been the first to demand that "Negro baseball must put its house in order and then prove it is up to big league standards." He never did quite explain how the Negroes were to prove they were big leaguers if they couldn't get a chance to play in the big leagues.

The irony of it, when the color line in baseball did come crashing down, was that the man most bedeviled by Negro pressure forces, Rickey, was actually the man even then trying hardest to befriend them. Long before they tried to pressure him, Rickey had confided to intimates that he would try to breach the color barrier for the Negroes.

Such a crusade by Rickey was easily believable. All his life he was a deeply religious man. As a player for the St. Louis Browns, his contract stipulated he would be excused from Sunday games. Nor did he ever watch his team play on the Sabbath. Long before the Negroes and baseball was a burning issue, he used to relate a story of his college coaching days in Michigan early in the century.



Branch Rickey

On the college team he took to South Bend, Ind., was a Negro named Charley Thomas. A hotel clerk refused to allow him to register in the hotel where the others of the team stayed. Rickey remonstrated, then suggested Thomas be permitted to share his room as a non-registered guest. The clerk agreed.

In Rickey's room, Thomas sat on the bed clenching his firsts and cursing his hands. "It's these," he said. "They're black. If they were only white, I wouldn't be different from anybody."

That's when Rickey said, "Charley, the day will come when they won't have to be white." Rickey was the man who hastened that day.

"No More Shutouts"

Negro Has Found Real Democracy in Baseball

By Shirley Povich

FOUR HUNDRED and fifty-five years after Columbus eagerly discovered America, major league baseball reluctantly discovered the American Negro; discovered that he could play ball as well, sometimes better, than the white boys and men to whom the national game supposedly belonged by right of pigmentation.

The Negro ball player, in turn, made a discovery of his own once the Color Curtain was lifted in the enlightened year of 1947 when Jackie Robinson became a member of the Brooklyn Dodgers. The Negro player found that there is more democracy in the locker room than in baseball's front offices, or even in the streets.

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In what can be described perhaps as uneasy stages, the club owners learned that Jim Crow-ism was not a necessary safeguard to their thriving business, and that profits would not come tumbling down because an American citizen of colored blood was playing alongside a white American.

Two kinds of club owners had kept the Negro out of organized baseball: (1), the pure bigots among them and (2), those owners who had built up an edifice of false fear that the fans would be outraged by the sight of a Negro in a big league lineup, and would stay away from the park; that valuable players of Southern origin would refuse to take the field with, or against Negroes; and that no Negro player was skillful enough to make a big league club.

All the while there were pious protestations by the game's most important figures, including the late Commissioner Kenesaw Landis, that no rule in the structure of organized baseball was keeping the Negroes out. No written rule, they meant. The rules that were unwritten, they knew well.

In 1938, Commissioner Landis agreed to permit a delegation of Negroes to address the major leagues' joint meeting of club owners with an appeal for racial equality in baseball. The leader made a sincere and moving presentation of the Negroes' case and the wounds from the big league policy that was dooming them to second-class baseball citizenship.

"Is that all, gentlemen?" Landis asked, when the speaker had finished.

"Yes, it is, Commissioner. Thank you for hearing us," he said.

"Thank you for coming," purred Landis.

The delegation filed out, and Landis turned to the secretary, asking, "What's next on the agenda?"

"Wait a moment," said one club owner. "Aren't we going to discuss this Negro question?"

Said Landis, "What is there to discuss? The gentlemen asked us for an opportunity to address this joint meeting. They were given the opportunity. What is next on the agenda?"

For Negroes in baseball, it was one more shut-out, typical of the cold brush-off they encountered in every attempt to lift the color barrier. Landis didn't originate organized baseball's Negro Exclusion Act, but he didn't disturb it, either.

Branch Rickey, who brought Robinson into the majors in defiance of the grim precedent, is rightfully hailed as the emancipator of the Negro in baseball but only because Bill Veeck couldn't get clearance for a plan to bring Negroes into the National League in 1942, four years before Rickey signed Robinson for Montreal.

"Landis stopped me, I think," Veeck recently told this reporter. "It was after Gerry Nugent had tossed in the towel with the Philadelphia Phillies and the franchise was back in the lap of the league. Abe Saperstein, an owner in the Negro National League, and I had plans.

"We went to Landis, telling him we would buy the Phillies franchise from the National League and field a team comprised wholly of stars from the Negro National League. An all-Negro team would solve same of the racial restrictions, we pointed out. Landis didn't commit himself. He referred us to Ford Frick, president of the National League.

"I always will believe Landis leaked our plans to Frick. Frick wouldn't talk business with us. Instead, he sold the Phillies to William Cox, whom Landis later had the pleasure of kicking out of baseball on charges of betting on games."

Veeck, later to sponsor more colored players than any other owner, revealed that he would have put into Philadelphia the cream of the colored league crop. "We'd have had Satchel Paige pitching for us and winning 30 games a year, and both Josh Gibson and Roy Campanella catching. Monte Irvin and Oscar Charleston would have been in our outfield, and Buck Leonard at first base. I don't blame the other club owners. We'd have walked away with the pennant."

Actually, a Negro was signed to a major league contract in 1901, but he never broke into a big league box score. John McGraw, then managing the Baltimore Orioles in the American League, and desperate for a second baseman, signed a light-skinned Negro from Cincinnati named Charley Grant. He attempted to pass Grant off as an Indian and indeed, the Cincinnati Enquirer of March 11, 1901, announced "McGraw has signed a Cherokee Indian named Tokohoma."

McGraw's subterfuge collapsed, however, when the team reached Chicago for a preseason game with the White Sox. So many of Grant's Negro friends recognized him there, that they marched to the team's hotel bearing floral tributes and staged a parade in his honor.

The White Sox, then managed by Clark Griffith and owned by Charley Comiskey, wouldn't take the field against McGraw's team, on Comiskey's orders. He told the Chicago Tribune, "If McGraw really keeps this 'Indian' I will put a Chinaman on third base. This Cherokee is really Grant fixed up with war paint and feathers. His father is a well-known Negro in Cincinnati where he trains horses."

Not until 45 years later did another baseball man, Rickey, come up with the gumption to face the question head-on and announce he was signing a colored ball player—college-bred Jackie Robinson—with no questions asked of his fellow magnates.

After Robinson, they came in a flood as rival club owners, taking heart, began to tap the lode that Rickey had opened up—Doby, Irvin, Easter, Paige, Campanella, Jethroe, Thompson, Minoso, Newcombe, Mays, Black, Gilliam and Bruton. All they needed to be big leaguers, they demonstrated, was the chance.

But the true equality wasn't reached, perhaps, until a few weeks ago. The Western International League signed a new umpire: Emmett Ashford, Negro. A fair deal for white and colored alike, and violating no American decency.

"No More Shutouts"—

There Are No More Shutouts of

By Shirley Povich

BACK IN 1945, when Communist front organizations were pressuring Branch Rickey to sign a Negro ball player, he would have none of it. The man who, more than any other, was later to befriend the colored players, declared the acceptance of Negroes into organized ball would be "a process of evolution, not revolution."

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Some sort of high point in the evolution of the Negro in baseball was reached this spring, eight years after Rickey's forecast. The Boston Braves, later to become the Milwaukee Braves, signed a colored outfielder named Bill Bruton. That wasn't especially newsworthy. The Braves already had two colored outfielders named Sam Jethroe and Luis Marquez, and a Negro infielder, George Crowe.

There was a great significance, however, in the graduation of Bruton to the majors. A score of colored men before him had signed big league contracts, but Bruton was different, a new kind of Negro big leaguer. He wasn't out of the colored leagues, like all of the rest. Bruton, like the white boys, had come up through the minors, the first of his race to make it by that accepted method.

Now it was starting to be different for Negro players. With the minors opened to them, they could be indexed and evaluated without the skepticism and doubts that had been attached to graduates of the Negro leagues. Too often, the ages of the Negro players had been lost. As one scout reported to a big league farm director who wanted a run-down on a prospect in the Negro leagues, "You tell me how old he is and I'll tell you what kind of a future he has."

Those major league owners who had resisted the integration of Negroes into organized ball used to posture piously about "destroying the organization of colored baseball." They were joined by those owners of the Negro league teams who had a big stake in the operations and were getting fat from them. Theirs was the combined voice of doom that conjured the picture of Negro baseball in its death-gasp.

And that is exactly what has been happening. Organized Negro baseball is dead, or dying, and America's colored citizens are cheering because it is. With the competent Negro players able to find jobs in both the minors and majors, America is more nearly approaching the equality of citizenship set forth in that document known as the Constitution.

BEFORE NEGROES discovered that they could get jobs in organized baseball, just like white boys, there were three important colored leagues: The Negro National League, the Negro American League and the Negro Southern League. Only the special few gate attractions like Satchel Paige earned a lot of money. The average player rarely made the major league minimum of $5000 and as Jackie Robinson said of the traveling conditions in the league:

"I played in the Negro league when you raced to get into the bus for the next all-night ride. Those who got there first could stretch out in the aisles. The others slept sitting up."

The high-water mark of the Negro baseball season was always the East-West game at Chicago, between All-Star teams of the Negro National and American Leagues. Chicago was the Mecca for Negro fans from all sections of the Nation, and crowds of 50,000 were not rare, in Comiskey Park. Last year the dying Negro leagues staged another of their All-Star games. It drew only 18,000. But only the Negro club owners are weeping. Negro fans can see Negro players, if they like, with the Dodgers, Giants, Braves, White Sox, Browns and Indians. There are no more shut-outs.

The colored man who might well have been Branch Rickey's vehicle for busing the color line in organized baseball if Jackie Robinson hadn't come along to fill the role, is Joe Black, the Brooklyn pitcher who was last season's Rookie of the Year. Like Robinson, he is a college graduate, a mannerly, articulate and personable sort with unchallengeable courage. He walked into his first world series game last October and out-pitched Allie Reynolds to beat the Yankees, 4 to 2.

THERE HASN'T BEEN a season since Robinson entered organized ball that a new Negro star sasn't developed. Last year it was Black, and this season it well may be Bruton of the Braves or Junior Gilliam, Brooklyn's able kid second baseman. Next year it could even be a Yankee, Vic Powers, who plays both the infield and outfield on their Kansas City farm club and is hailed as a "can't-miss' prospect.

Another example of the evolution of the colored player's lot in baseball is the presence of Dave Hoskins with the Cleveland Indians. Hoskins is the pitcher who "opened up" the Texas League last year, the first Negro to play in it. He proved to Texas fans that a Negro doesn't wear horns, and became the biggest gate attraction in the league, with Dallas.

Cleveland called Hoskins up after he won 22 games and lost only 10 in the Texas League. At last, he's in the majors. Things have changed since 1945. Hoskins was one of those colored players supposed to get a "tryout" with the Boston Red Sox when they looked over Jackie Robinson eight years ago. He refused to make the trip because he said he knew "These white teams aren't levelling with us. It's a waste of time."

IT WAS IN THE SPRING of 1953 that the big question was popped, though. Would the Deep South go for Negro players in organized ball? The league that drips the most Dixie dew always has been the Cotton State League, which includes Mississippi towns. The Hot Spring, Ark., team signed two Negroes and was promptly dropped from the league. Just as promptly, George Trautman, president of the minor leagues, told the Cotton States League to accept Hot Springs' Negroes or close up shop. The league is still barring Negroes, but any team resolute enough to insist, can get the backing of Trautman.

The novelty of the Negro player in the majors has long since worn off. They are no longer a gate attraction because of the color of their skin. It's the glint of their batting averages and other skills that count. Unlike Jackie Robinson who for years desisted from protesting umpires' decisions in the interest of harmonious relations with that tribe, the Negro player now can shout for his rights.

In his first season in the majors, Robinson tried to lend his support to a teammate who was quarreling with an umpire. The ump whirled toward Jackie and shook a warning finger. "You keep out of this, Robinson," he said. "You've got enough troubles." The implication was clear enough. Robinson's trobules began with the color of his skin. That was then. A new understanding has since swept America. They don't print the box score in color.

(Last in a Series)

"No More Shutouts"

Playing Skill Lands Four Negroes on All-Stars

By Shirley Povich

THE QUALITY OF the Negro ball player who got his chance to play major league ball was rather well established in 1949, only three years after Jackie Robinson first cracked the color barrier. Of the seven colored players in the majors, four of them were named to the American and National Leagues' All-Star teams.

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The Dodgers placed Robinson, Pitcher Don Newcombe and Catcher Roy Campanella on the National League All-Stars. Larry Doby, Cleveland outfielder, made the American League team. Satchel Paige was having a strangely slack season, didn't make it. The other Negroes playing in the majors at All-Star time were mere rookies, Monte Irvin and Hank Thompson of the Giants.

The skeptics no longer could accuse Branch Rickey and Bill Veeck for exploiting colored players of doubtful ability as gate attractions. Their skills, nothing else, won them their All-Star honors. The surprise nominee was big Newcombe, the right hander who was in the minors when the season opened. But by July he was overpowering National League hitters to such a degree he got the All-Star bid.

Newcombe, who helped pitch the Dodgers to the '49 pennant with his 17-8 record, was the new type Negro big leaguer. Unlike the others before him, he was developed in organized baseball's minor leagues, not in the Negro circuits. The Dodgers got him at 20, groomed him for three seasons at Nashua, N. H., in the New England League, and Montreal in the International.

CAMPANELLA HAD made good in a hurry with the Dodgers. In his first full season with Brooklyn, he gained recognition as the league's finest catcher. The Philadelphia Stars of the Negro National League had grabbed him out of high school at 15. He played in the colored circuits and in Cuba and Central America for 10 years before the Dodgers brought him into their farm system.

Robinson, though, was still the prize among the colored players. He won the National League batting title with his .342 average, and at the season's end the National League's Most Valuable Player award. Interest in Negro players was stirring. The Giants signed two before the 1949 season ended, the White Sox commissioned their scouts to scour the Negro leagues and Cuba. The Boston Braves were dickering with Brooklyn for a Negro outfielder named Sam Jethroe on the Dodgers' Montreal farm club.

Cleveland had a couple of other Negro players stashed away on their farm teams in '49, an infielder named Orestes Minoso whom they bought from the New York Cuban Giants and placed at Dayton, Ohio, in the Middle-Atlantic League; and Harry Simpson, an outfielder-first baseman from the Philadelphia Stars who was playing at Wilkes-Barre of the Eastern League and batting .305.

The Giants, understandably impressed with the popularity of Negro players merely by watching the Brooklyn attendance figures, took the plunge into biracial baseball early in 1949. From the Newark Eagles they bought Outfielder-Infielder Monte Irvin and placed him at Jersey City. When he hit .373 in 63 games with that club, the Giants called him in. From the Kansas City Monarchs, they brought back to the majors Outfielder Hank Thompson, who had a brief tryout with the Browns two years before.

IN THE NEGRO communities of America, the effect of the "new deal" for colored baseball players was electric. Subscriptions to The Sporting News, the baseball trade journal, zoomed. Small fry, who a decade or two before had taken to the track and field uniforms following the feats of Jesse Owens and other great Negro tracksters; and then began to emulate such fistic heroes as Joe Louis and Henry Armstrong, now turned to baseball. The backyards and corner lots were alive with colored kids flourishing bats, balls and gloves and intent on new careers in the game newly-opened to them.

It used to be that when the Dodgers visited the Polo Grounds bringing Robinson and Campanella and Newcombe, Negro fans from the nearby Harlem cheered them loudly, as if they were the home team. That changed when Irvin and Thompson began to appear in Giant uniforms. Harlem's Negroes now cheered the Giants. It wasn't what color you were that counted then, it was the name of the team you wore across the chest of your uniforms.

From far away in California, fans began to hear of a new baseball name. A giant colored man who was hitting tremendous home runs for San Diego in the Pacific Coast League, by the name of Luke Easter. The lucky team that owned him was the Cleveland Indians. Late in 1949, they called up Easter, whose .363 led the Coast in hitting.

Easter used to play first base for the Washington Homestead Grays, hit more than 40 homers for them in 1948, after which Bill Veeck signed him for the Indians' San Diego farm club, then managed by Bucky Harris. Easter was exciting, if only for his physique. He was six-four and a half, weighed nearly 240, and handled a bat with toothpick ease. Harris sent him up to Cleveland with a "can't miss" label after seeing him hit 25 homers in 80 games for San Diego.

SOME BASEBALL men said they doubted that Easter could hit big league pitching and suggested "he can be pitched to.' Said Harris, "Yeah, there's a way to pitch to Big Luke—carefully." In his first full year with the Indians, Luke batted only .280, but he hit 28 homers and solved all of the Indians' first-base problems.

In contrast to his Negro teammate, Larry Doby, who at times was moody and disconsolate over his batting slumps and the boos he heard, big Easter was a philosophical fellow. Speaking of the boos, he told Cleveland baseball writers, "They don't like me now, but that's all right; they'll like me when I start hitting."

When Doby complained that the pitchers were throwing too many dust-off balls at him, Easter was unmoved. "Stop griping," he said, "they throw 'em at the rest of us, too."

Easter, a team man who liked to grin and laugh, was popular with his Cleveland teammates. On the bench, he led the cheers. He miscalculated his six-feet four inches one day in New York, however, when he leaped from the bench to cheer Al Rosen's home run in Yankee Stadium. He forgot to take into account the low, concrete ceiling of the dug-out. His head cracked against it, and they carried him out of there, a great, big, unconscious bundle of team spirit.

"No More Shutouts"

South Protests Entrance of Negro Into Majors

By Shirley Povich

SO HUSHED WERE Branch Rickey's preliminary arrangements for bringing a Negro player into organized baseball that the actual signing of Jackie Robinson by the Montreal team broke like a thunderclap over the baseball world on October 23, 1945.

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From the South, as expected, came the roars of protest at Rickey's demolition of the racial barriers. One of the first to raise his voice was the late William G. Bramham, president of the nation's minor leagues, with offices at Durham, N.C.

Bramham went into an old-fashioned breast-beating harangue. "Father Divine will have to look to his laurels, for you can expect Rickey Temple to be in the course of construction in Harlem soon," he said. Then he reached back for some of the rancor of reconstruction days.

"It is those of the carpetbagger stripe of the white race, under the guise of helping, but in truth using the Negro for their own selfish interests, who retard the race. . . . And whenever I hear a white man, whether he be from the North, South, East or West, broadcasting what a Moses he is to the Negro race, right then I know the Negro needs a bodyguard."

BASEBALL OFFICIALS otherwise maintained virtually a complete calm, however. Almost unanimously, the Nation's press applauded Rickey's action. But The Sporting News, the game's well-respected trade journal, assembled some biting quotes from Southern players.

Dixie Walker, Birmingham, Ala., citizen and former National League batting champion, said of Robinson's signing: "As long as he's not with the Dodgers, I'm not worried." That philosophy was echoed by Virgil (Spud) Davis, Pittsburgh catcher and coach, also an Alabaman, who said: "As long as the Pittsburgh club hasn't signed a Negro, there's no need for me to worry now."

At Columbus, Ga., Elmer Riddle, star pitcher of the Cincinnati Reds, voiced the same line. "I've been looking for such an action as the signing of Negroes, and I guess it's all right as long as they are on some other team," he said.

Rogers Hornsby, former batting king of the majors and a manager in both big leagues but temporarily unemployed in 1945, had more blunt comment. "It won't work out," he said.

Ironically, the most strenuous protest came from J. L. Wilkinson, co-owner of the Kansas City Monarchs, the Negro team from which Rickey took Robinson. Wilkinson accused Rickey of stealing the player, declaring "We had money invested in Jackie. They got a $100,000 player from us for nothing." However, Kansas City could produce no contract bearing Robinson's name.

CLARK GRIFFITH, Washington owner, publicly deplored what he called the "raids" on Negro teams by Rickey, and drew the sharp retort that "Mr. Griffith initiated the practice of bringing Negroes into baseball under the guise of Cubans. Rickey added, "I investigated the Negro organizations and have found out they are not leagues, not even organizations. Negro baseball is in the zone of a racket, and Mr. Griffith knows this very well."

Perhaps the most unfortunate statement of the times was that of Branch Rickey, jr., who had presided over the contract-signing ceremonies at Montreal in the absence of his father. Asked what would happen if Southern players refused to play in the same league with a Negro, young Rickey said:

"They'll be back after a year or two in the cotton mills."

That comment set off a new wave of protest, directed mostly at young Rickey. It was typified best, perhaps, by a letter to Rickey, sr., sent by Bill Werber of Washington, D.C., Duke University graduate and former star third baseman with the Red Sox, Athletics and Indians. Werber, prosperous business man, wrote:

"A large segment of the ball players who have in the past and who are presently contributing to the continued success of major league baseball are of Southern ancestry or actually live in the South. Your effort to force them to accept socially and to play with a Negro, or Negroes, is highly distasteful.

"You are, in fact, for some unaccountable reasons, discriminating against the majority. The attitude that your son has assumed is certainly not conducive to the morale of your own organization or baseball in general. His reference to ball players from the South is a definite insult to every Southern boy."

Both Robinson and Rickey had reason to wonder, in the Spring of 1946, whether they had not undertaken too large a mission for themselves. On the way from California to report to the Brooklyn farm system's training camp at Sanford, Fla., Robinson and his bride of a few weeks learned about Jim Crow. They were bumped off a plane at Pensacola, denied hotel accommodations, and shooed away from the food bars in the airport waiting room.

Dixie Walker

THEY RODE THE BUS from Jacksonville to Sanford, forced to stand in the over-crowded Negro section while seats were empty toward the front. Because Jackie couldn't stay with the white boys in the players' hotel, the club's rule against wives in training camp was waived to permit Mrs. Robinson to be with him.

To provide companionship for Jackie on the field and on the trips, Rickey forehandedly signed another Negro, Johnny Wright, a pitcher, to the Montreal roster. He also invited Wendell Smith, sports writer of the Pittsburgh Courier, and a photographer, to be members of the group.

Jackie and his bride, too proud to seek service at the back door of restaurants which otherwise refused to serve them, often went hungry. Later the Sanford city authorities descended on the camp and told the team officials to "get your Negroes out of town." Robinson and the others were moved to Daytona Beach, headquarters of the Brooklyn and Montreal squads, and quartered with colored families there.

When the Montreal team went back to Sanford for an exhibition game, the sheriff forced Manager Clay Hopper to keep his Negro players out of the lineup, and even off the bench. Later when the team went to De Land, Fla., for another game, it found the park padlocked. A team with Negro players wasn't welcome. And all the while, Rickey's men were coaching Robinson how to play second base and keep his mouth shut.

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"No More Shutouts".

Robinson Hurdled Heartaches to Reach Top

By Shirley Povich

THE SPECTACLE of a Negro playing on a team in organized baseball was reserved for Jersey City in April of 1946. Montreal, with Jackie Robinson at second base, was playing its opening game of the International League season. More than 25,000 fans were in the stands. Even before he fielded a ball or swung a bat, it was obvious that the colored player was a gate attraction.

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It would be more dramatic to be able to report that Robinson banged a home run in his first time at bat. That didn't happen. In fact, he grounded out meekly. And on his first fielding chance, he fumbled what should have been a double play grounder. But if he was tense and jittery as he might well have been, there was no sign of it in the later innings.

Before his first game with a white team was over, Jackie Robinson did hit a home run, and he beat out two bunts for singles, and got a fourth hit and with his flashing feints on third base had induced two balks that sent him home. He also stole a base. It was a smashing debut for Jackie.

THAT GAME WAS typical of Jackie's play all year. He went on to lead the International League in hitting with a .349 average, to steal 40 bases and lead the second basemen in fielding. Montreal clinched the pennant in August. Jackie Robinson did more to establish the calibre of Negro baseball in that one season than did all the so-called colored "greats" of history.

It wasn't without heartaches, though. In Baltimore, first time around, he was booed lustily. And he couldn't stay at the team's hotel in Baltimore. It was at Syracuse, though, for some reason, that the players were the nastiest. From the dugout on one occasion, they unloosed a black cat as Jackie walked to bat, and yelled insulting cracks. Clenching his jaws to restrain making any retort, Robinson let his bat speak for him. He cleared the filled bases with a triple.

At the end of the season, Rickey called in Clay Hopper, Montreal manager, for an opinion on Robinson. It was the big question. Could Jackie play in the big leagues? "He's ready," said Hopper. Rickey began to lay his plans for moving Robinson up.

The Brooklyn and Montreal teams were training in Havana in that spring of 1947. Now there were four Negroes on the Montreal roster—Robinson, Roy Campanella, a catcher the Dodgers had placed with their Nashua, N. H., farm team the year before, after scouting him with the Philadelphia Stars; Roy Partlow, a pitcher from the same team, and Pitcher Don Newcombe, from the Newark Eagles.

RICKEY, WHO HAD refused to pay the Negro leagues a dime for the contracts of Robinson and Campanella, did pay Mrs. Effa Manley, owner of the Newark team, $5000 for Newcombe's contract. It was probably at the insistence of Commissioner Happy Chandler, who was receiving loud protests from officials of the colored leagues. "Organized baseball screamed holy murder when the Mexican leagues started grabbing players from them, what about the players your teams are taking from us?" they demanded.

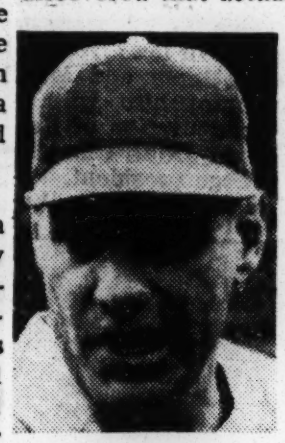
In Havana, Rickey asked the colored players to be patient, explaining that the segregation they encountered had to be suffered as another phase of his campaign to gain equality for them. They couldn't stay at the team's plush Nacional Hotel, but Rickey provided a car and chauffeur to transport them to the park every day.

Of the quartet, only Robinson was being considered for the Dodgers. The other Negroes would go to farm teams. Leo Durocher, then managing Brooklyn, couldn't find a spot for Robinson in his infield, though. At second base, where Jackie had starred for Montreal, was the redoubtable Eddie Stanky. At shortstop, where Jackie had some experience, there was the famed Peewee Reese.

Rickey solved the puzzle by telling Durocher to play Robinson at first base despite his lack of experience. "He's adaptable," said Rickey. Durocher, liking neither of his first basemen, Ed Stevens or Howard Schultz, agreed. Jackie wondered if Rickey had weakened on his resolve to get a Negro into the majors, and if this was a device to make him look incompetent, playing him in a strange position. A short time later, he apologized to himself for those thoughts. He had made the team at first base.

IN PANAMA, where the Brooklyn squad went for an exhibition game tour, there was revolt. Technically, Robinson was still the property of the Montreal team, but his shift to first base indicated strongly to Brooklyn players that he was to be their teammate for the rest of the season. An anti-Negro clique on the Brooklyn club set about to draw up a petition against playing Robinson.

They confided their plan to Clay Hopper, relying on him as a staunch Mississippian to fall in with it. But Hopper, who had learned to esteem Robinson at Montreal, would have none of it. He appraised Rickey, who nipped the mutiny and discovered that actually only two players had strong feelings against playing with a Negro. He offered to trade them to another club.



Leo Durocher

The actual transfer of Robinson from the Montreal to the Brooklyn roster took place on April 10. A Negro was in the ig leagues. In the press, it was treated like a shocker. But Rickey had taken steps to insulate his program for Robinson against the kind of "incidents" that might defeat it.

He called in Negro civic leaders of Brooklyn, and asked them to organize a special Robinson Committee, dedicated to protecting him from hysterical adulations by the colored people of Brooklyn. He wanted no parades, no special citations, no improper exulting, and they agreed.

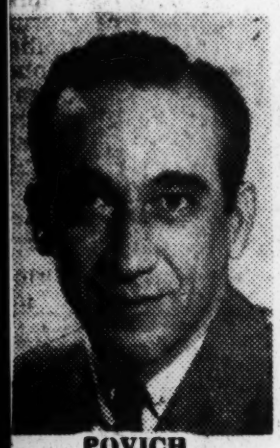
Before he actually signed Jackie to the Brooklyn contract, Rickey briefed him again, gave him a list of don'ts: When you get a bad decision from the umpires, don't object. If you're insulted by any player, grin and bear it. Leave the park by a special exit and avoid the crowds. There will be no "Jackie Robinson Days." Stay away from night spots. Take the advice of Bill Robinson, the unofficial mayor of Harlem, who said to Joe Louis, "Do the best you can, and get along with white folks."

"No More Shutouts"

Red Sox Give Negroes Brushoff After Tryout

By Shirley Povich

The Boston Red Sox took a look at Jackie Robinson in 1945 and expressed no interest in the player who two years later was to be voted Rookie of the Year in the National League, and go on to lead the league in hitting and stolen bases. It was a reluctant look, anyway.



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A Boston city councilman named Isadore Muchnick held a flunderbuss at the head of Red Sox Vice President Eddie Collins in the form of a threat to kill the law that permitted Sunday baseball in Boston, unless Negro players were given a tryout. Muchnick represented a district heavily Negro.

Muchnick, no baseball man, relied on Wendell Smith, sports writer for the Pittsburgh Negro newspaper, the Courier, to round up some colored players best calculated to make an impression on the Red Sox. Smith selected two veterans of the Negro leagues, Marvin Williams, a second baseman with the Philadelphia Stars; and Sam Jethroe, then with the Cleveland Buckeyes. Jackie Robinson, a rookie with the Kansas City Monarchs, was his third man.

Smith had some trouble delivering Robinson to Fenway Park for the tryout. The Kansas City team resented the request that he be given leave. They had a property interest in Robinson, they told Smith, and white teams couldn't have their players simply by beckoning them.

"I had to use persuasion on the Kansas City owners," Smith recently told this reporter. "Tom Baird, co-owner and a white man, said 'Nothing doing.' But I had him on the spot. I could point out that any Negro team that stood in the way of advancement of a colored player into the big leagues, was going to be mighty unpopular around the Negro circuit. That helped convince him, but I think that another factor was his belief that nothing would come out of the tryout anyway and that the Negroes would simply get another run-around."

The Red Sox kept their part of the bargain and "took a look" at the three Negro players on April 16. Coaches put them through all the paces—hitting, fielding, throwing and running. There was little on which to fault them, but at the finish it was an easily-recognizable brush-off. "Fill out these application cards and you will hear from us," they were told. They are still waiting to hear from the Red Sox.

At about this period, early in the 1945 season, Branch Rickey was announcing plans for a colored team to be known as the Brown Dodgers, who would play in a new Negro league he hoped to form, called the United States League. The assumption was that Rickey wanted his Brooklyn club to cut in on some of the lush rentals the Giants and Yankees were getting out of the colored games in their parks.

Another Negro league was pure camouflage for Rickey's true intentions. He wanted a Negro player for the Brooklyn Dodgers, not a team of Negroes for the visionary Brown Dodgers. Back in 1943, Rickey cleared such a plan with the Brooklyn team's directors. Into his confidence he took Smith, the Pittsburgh newspaperman he deemed to be trustworthy. He had heard of Smith's trip to Boston for the tryout of the three Negroes at Fenway Park, and asked for a report on it. Did Smith know a Negro who might make good in the big leagues?

"There's one," said Smith. "His name is Jackie Robinson."

It wasn't a name unfamiliar to Rickey, or millions of other Americans. They had heard of him as the great Negro halfback of the University of California at Los Angeles—UCLA—not as great perhaps as his Negro teammate, Kenny Washington, but famed as half of that great colored backfield duo.

Smith was recently telling this reporter why he recommended Robinson as the Negro best calculated to make good in the big leagues. "He wasn't the best Negro ball player I could have named," said Smith. "There were others with more ability, but to have recommended them would have been a disservice to the cause of the Negroes.

"I recommended Robinson," said Smith, "because he wouldn't make Negro baseball look bad, either on the field or off it. Jackie got my vote because of many factors. He was a college boy. I knew he would understand the great responsibility of being the first Negro invited to play in organized baseball in more than 60 years. He was a mannerly fellow. At UCLA he had played before big crowds. I gambled that he wouldn't freeze up under pressure. And he had an honorable discharge from the Army as a lieutenant."

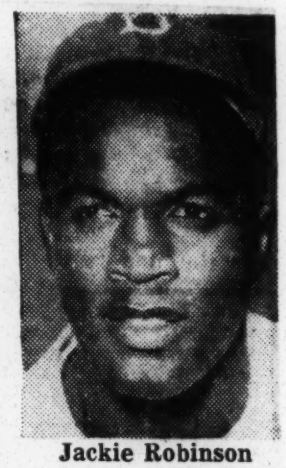
Rickey didn't take Smith's word for it completely. He sent his scouts to scan the Negro leagues for the likeliest player to sign. Because of the news of Rickey's plan to start a new Negro league, there was no undue excitement when his scouts began to follow the colored teams. In their reports to Rickey, Robinson was the name they mentioned most.

The scout who made the final decision on Robinson was Clyde Sukeforth, the former Georgetown University catcher, a Dodger coach detached to scout the colored leagues. "He's your man, Mr. Rickey," Sukeforth reported. "Bring him in," commanded Rickey.

After the joke tryout at Boston earlier in the season of '45, Robinson was suspicious of all offers from the white teams. Sukeforth, however, permitted him to think Rickey wanted him to play for the Brown Dodgers. In the Brooklyn office, Rickey quickly disabused him.

"I didn't bring you in to play ball for the Brown Dodgers," Rickey said. "I want you, eventually, to be the first Negro to play in the big leagues." Jackie gulped, properly dumbfounded. Rickey then expounded for hours on the importance of Robinson's role as the first Negro to be signed to an organized baseball contract since the eighties'.

Rickey outlined for Robinson all the problems. The insults that might come his way from the white players. The Jim Crow restrictions he might find in the hotels and restaurants. The abuse from the umpires, perhaps. The necessity for keeping his own silence no matter what the provoking incidents may be.



Jackie Robinson

They'd call him names, nasty ones, Rickey warned. They'd throw at his head, and try to cut him up on the baselines. And yet he must take it like a stoic, in silence. Jackie Robinson, the first Negro, perhaps, to play in the mapors, had a very special duty to his race, Rickey said.

Robinson listened, then asked, "Do you want a ball player who's afraid to fight back?"

"I want a ball player with guts enough not to fight back," said Rickey. "You've got to make good with your baseball talents, not your temper."

"I see what you mean," said Jackie, "and it's okay. I want the job."

Later that month, Rickey exploded his bombshell. He signed Negro Jackie Robinson for Brooklyn's Montreal team in the International League.

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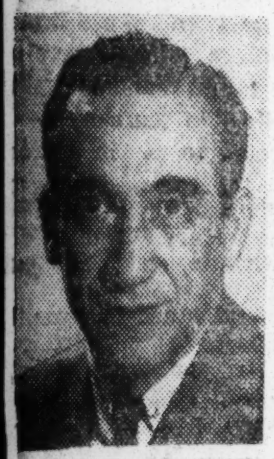
"No More Shutouts"

Satch Paige a Very Special Case in Baseball

By Shirley Povich

THE MOST implausible player in Negro baseball was Leroy Robert (Satchel) Paige, who viewed the admission of Negroes into organized baseball with suspicion, and personally courted no offer to play in the big leagues, supposedly Utopian dream of the colored player. Paige, a very practical man, didn't want to take a salary cut.



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Paige was a very special case. Baseball men like Joe DiMaggio who batted against him and described Paige as "the greatest," and men like Dizzy Dean and Lefty Gomez who pitched against him, agreed that Paige would be a big winner in the majors. There was skepticism about other Negroes, but none about Paige's skill as a pitcher.

When it was apparent in 1946 that Branch Rickey had cracked the color line in baseball with his introduction of Jackie Robinson, Paige joined operators of colored teams in deploring the move. It would wreck colored baseball, they declared. The mass of Negroes were rejoicing at the time, and Paige was unpopular for a spell.

Paige, no less than the men who operated the colored teams, was a capitalist of Negro baseball. As the most famed Negro pitcher in history, he commanded personal appearance fees that ran his yearly income to nearly $50,000. The majors couldn't pay him as much. Colored baseball was good to him even if the other played for meager wages.

THERE WASN'T MUCH dispute about Paige's pitching talents, however. Satch, or Satchmo, or Satchelfoot, as he was called by those sticklers for formality, was the colored player most in demand when big league teams sought opposition in their post-World Series barnstorming tours. He was the guarantee that there would be crowds.

Off and on, Paige was a member of the Negro League teams, but more often he was touring with his own outfits. Whenever the league teams needed a stimulant for the gate, they'd send for Satch. Fans of both races, white and colored, flocked to watch him. They saw an angular six-foot-four right hander with the biggest feet in baseball, who was part clown and all pitcher.

In his bush-town appearances, he'd guarantee that he would strike out the first nine men to face him, and most of the time he did. It's documentary that he out-pitched Dizzy Dean four straight times on barnstorming tours, and on one occasion when he was in a scoreless tie with Dean for 10 innings, he told Dean:

"Hey, Diz, iffen you don't give us a run, I'se gonna keep you out here all night."

The hitters used to complain that Satchel's out-sized feet made him double tough. He'd go into an intricate wind-up, described as a one-man melee, and the last thing the batter saw was Satch's No. 14 shoe looking down his throat, concealing the ball until it was halfway to the plate.

MAJOR LEAGUERS who faced Paige a decade ago, declared his fast ball was faster than Feller's. "When he cuts loose with his hard one," said Jeff Heath, "you think you're swinging at an aspirin tablet; better make that a young aspirin."

When in July of 1948, Paige accepted a contract from the Cleveland Indians for $15,000 for the remainder of the season, he was 43 years old, according to the best-authenticated records. Bill Veeck was accused of injecting circus stuff into the majors in an attempt to stimulate the gate receipts. On the gate receipts count he was certainly guilty. Paige in his first three starts averaged 67,000 fans. He won all three, the last a 1-0 shutout over Chicago, and without him the Indians wouldn't have won the pennant.

Without Larry Doby, they wouldn't have won the pennant in '48 either. Doby, the flop of 1947 as a second baseman, was a potent .301 hitter the next season as an outfielder. And he was the Indians' leading hitter in the World Series against the Braves. Doby was something different among Negro players who had reached the majors. He was only 22 when he broke in.

As the first Negro to break into the American League, Doby had it rough here and there. He couldn't stay in the Indians' hotels at Chicago, St. Louis and Philadelphia. If there was any coolness toward Doby in the Cleveland dressing room in 1947, it soon vanished the next season. The guy who can help you win those games and get that World Series check is always welcome. Doby, with his big bat and speed in the outfield and on the bases, and with those 14 home runs, was doing that.

It was Joe Gordon, the veteran ex-Yankee on the Cleveland club, who set the example of comradeship with the first Negro to enter the American League. That was passing strange because such was not the reputation of Gordon. "He's a griper. He doesn't get friendly with anybody," they used to say of Gordon when he was with the Yankees. But Joe was nice to Doby.

On the day Doby made his first appearance in the Cleveland lineup and struck out as a pinch hitter, Gordon was next at bat. He patted the dejected Doby friendly-like on the rump and said, "We all do that. Watch me."

The Gordon-Doby friendship eased the tensions, if any, in the Indians' clubhouse. When Doby pointed to a bruise on his leg after being hit by a pitched ball, he said, "Hey, Joe, look at this red spot." Gordon looked and then mick-sneered. "Whaddayamean, red spot? You're still chocolate brown all over." From Gordon, Doby could take the rib.

Nevertheless, Doby was a bust in his first half season with Cleveland. Used chiefly as a pinchhitter, he went to bat 32 times, and struck out 16 times. The pressures were obvious. He was aching to make good with such fervor that he was swinging at everything. He batted only .156.

Satch Paige

In his second year up, though, Doby gained that relaxation that Jackie Robinson had brought into the majors with him. He batted only .250 for half the season, but he was getting extra base hits and after June, he caught fire, winding up with a big. 301 average in the Indians' winning pennant drive.

It was during that drive that Doby set history in Griffith Stadium. Against Sid Hudson he banged a home run that landed in the loud speakers atop the center field fence, where no ball had ever been hit before. Actually, he was saving his job that day. The Indians were ready to send him back to the minors before he hit that historic homer.

There were pitches thrown at Doby's head, probably more than at the heads of the white hitters, but he was philosophical about that. I pointed out to him one day that following his big homer in Washington, Hudson promptly knocked him down the next time he came to bat.

"That's right," he said, "and I don't blame him. I'd knock myself down if I was pitching at me, and I had just hit a homer last time up. That's part of the game."

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"No More Shutouts"

Robinson Realizes He Has 'Made the Team'

By Shirley Povich

JACKIE ROBINSON, first Negro to play in the majors admitted in a letter to his high school coach in California that "It wasn't easy to break in." At the start, there was a stiffness between him and the other players on the Brooklyn team in 1947. They weren't saying hello very cordially, nor inviting him to play in their card games.

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And then Robinson inscribed a paragraph worthy of a great philosopher. "It isn't too tough on me," he wrote. "I have played with white boys all my life. But they haven't played with a Negro before, and it sure is rough on some of them."

With the Dodgers, Robinson proved himself quickly. Within a few weeks he was "on the team" in every respect. Pewee Reese, a Southerner and most admired of the Brooklyn players, sponsored Robinson by making a show of his good palship with Jackie.

When the newspapers published a crank letter from Philadelphia threatening that Robinson would be shot if he played there, Reese remembered it as the Brooklyn players got off the train in Philly. Walking alongside Robinson, he suddenly jumped away. "Get away from me, you black so-and-so. I don't want to be shot at." Reese was laughing. Jackie laughed. The whole Brooklyn team laughed. All the tensions snapped.

"IT WASN'T easy," though, as Jackie had said. Ben Chapman, manager of the Phillies poured vile abuse on him from the dugout. Robinson was aching to slug him, but desisted. Rickey called him in to congratulate Jackie on keeping his temper.

"It was the greatest thing that has happened to you," he told Robinson.

"I don't see it that way," said Jackie.

"You'll understand later," said Rickey. "A thing like that will bring your own teammates around to you quicker than anything else. They'll resent the unfairness of the thing. It will cement you with them."

Rickey was right. The next day when Chapman continued his abuse of Robinson from the dugout, the Brooklyn players began to fidget. Then Eddie Stanky walked over to the Phillies' bench, shook his fist and demanded: "Why don't you ride somebody who can answer back." Jackie later wrote his wife: "That made it official. Stanky is one of our key men, and it meant I had made our club."

Robert Carpenter, owner of the Phillies, had previously telephoned Rickey and frantically predicted dire consequences if Robinson played in Shibe Park. Carpenter indicated the Phillies might even refuse to take the field. "Great," said Rickey. "We win all three games by forfeit and the way things are going we can sure use those victories."

MORE SERIOUS than the friction in Philadelphia, though, might have been the St. Louis Cardinals' "incident." Stanley Woodward, then sports editor of the New York Herald Tribune, reported that a plot was afoot among Cardinal players to strike on May 16 if Robinson was in the lineup against them on their first visit to Ebbets Field. Woodward also reported that Ford Frick had broken it up.

Rickey scoffed at the story, saying, "You couldn't get enough ball players to agree on any one thing to pull a strike; it's bogeyman stuff." The Cardinals denied the story, also. But Frick must have believed it. He issued a statement to Cardinal Owner Sam Breadon that warned: "If you do this, you will be suspended from the league. You will find that the friends you have in the press box will not support you; that you will be outcasts. I do not care if half the league strikes. Those who do will encounter quick retribution."

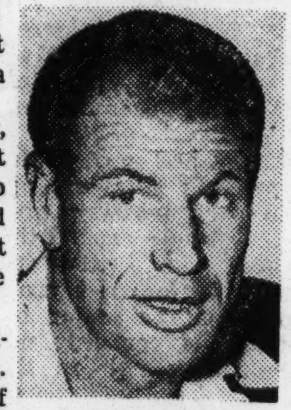
Brooklyn smashed all National League records for attendance both at home and on the road in that 1947 season. Aware of what was happening was Bill Veeck, president of the Cleveland Indians. He was willing to credit the novelty and excitement of a colored player in the Dodgers' lineup with the sharp increase in customers. He also was impressed by the fact that the Negro leagues could graduate a player of the calibre of Robinson. He began to look for a Negro the Indians might sign.

Veeck's scouts found their man playing in the Negro National League at Newark, at second base. They signed Larry Doby in July of 1947. But Veeck's was a cleaner operation than was Rickey's, who virtually pre-empted Robinson from the Kansas City Monarchs, paying the owners nothing for his contract. Veeck cleared his purchase of Doby with Mrs. Effie Manley, owner of the Newark Eagles. He paid her $10,000 for Doby's contract. The Negro leagues were pleased that now their contracts were officially recognized by a major league owner.

"THE DOBY DEAL was a good one for me," Veeck told this reporter recently, "but I will have to confess that I fumbled it badly at the time. I could have bought the contract of Monte Irvin from the Eagles for only another $1000 and I turned it down." Irvin went to the Giants and became one of the brightest of the big league stars.

When Veeck bought Doby, Rickey had come around to agreeing that the Negro leagues did have property rights in their players, and he was willing to buy their contracts, not appropriate them. In fact, his scouts had long before recommended Doby, but Rickey called them off when he learned that Veeck was interested.

"Let Veeck open up the American League to Negro players," Rickey said. "That will help the Negro cause more than another colored player on the Dodgers."



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Bill DeWitt, owner of the St. Louis Browns, almost beat Veeck to the introduction of colored players into the American League, DeWitt signed two players off Kansas City Monarchs, the same team that had given the majors Jackie Robinson, scarcely a week after Veeck signed Doby. Significant, too, was the fact that DeWitt, like Veeck and unlike Rickey, agreed to pay a stipulated sum for the players.

The pair he signed were Hank Thompson, a second baseman, and Willard Brown, outfielder. The Browns got them on a "look" basis, promised to pay the full sum if they made good. Both got brief trials of less than 30 games. Neither appeared up to hitting big league pitching, although Thompson did bat .256. They were released before the season opened. Thompson bounced back a couple of years later to become a valued member of the New York Giants. But now there were three big league teams that had opened their gates to Negroes.

"No More Shutouts"

Campanella Does Part in March of Progress

By Shirley Povich

THAT THE NEGRO PLAYER, shunned by the major leagues since their formation, was now acceptable, had perhaps its best proof in the winter of 1948-49 when two teams, the Cleveland Indians and New York Yankees, wrangled hotly over ownership of Archie Wilson, a colored shortstop.

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Baseball Commissioner A. B. Chandler resolved the dispute in favor of the Indians. Wilson, it developed, was no prize. The Indians dropped him, and in a brief trial with the Giants later, he failed. But the Wilson case was significant. Only two years after Branch Rickey had gingerly insinuated Jackie Robinson into the big league scene, two other important teams were openly feuding for the rights to a colored player.

Robinson's tremendous season in '47 had gained new respect for graduates of the Negro leagues. He batted just under .300, led the league in stolen bases, and even at the unfamiliar position of first base had made the team. In the World Series against the Yankees, his base running tactics caused Manager Bucky Harris of the Yankees to bench Catcher Yogi Berra lest Robinson steal his shirt.

Out at Cleveland, Bill Veeck had a right to be disappointed with his first venture into Negro baseball ranks, Larry Doby. In 29 games with the Indians, Doby wound up with a mere .156 batting average. In a doubleheader at Detroit, he struck out six times. Doby had been a star in the Negro National League and with Veeck there was a gnawing doubt of the caliber of that league.

SAM LACY, sports editor of the Afro-American newspapers, who recommended Doby to Veeck, suggested that some of the pressure be taken off the boy by converting him from a second baseman into an outfielder. The results, in 1948, were almost magic. Doby hit 14 home runs, batted .301, helped take the Indians to the pennant, and was their slugging star in the World Series victory over the Braves.

It was in Washington during that season of 1948 that Doby noted pickets outside Griffith Stadium with placards demanding that Clark Griffith sign a Negro player. He registered disgust. "Hell," he told a Cleveland baseball writer, "I don't want to be a symbol, I just want to be a ball player."

Earlier in that year of 1948, the Brooklyn club learned that playing a Negro in its lineup was something less than an horrendous crime, even in the South. Jacksonville and other Florida cities had closed their gates to Jackie Robinson two years before, but from Dallas, Fort Worth, Atlanta and Oklahoma City came requests that the Dodgers book games there, especially if Robinson were in the lineup.

During that 1948 spring training camp of the Dodgers, Roy Campanella, son of an Italian father and a Negro mother, was beginning to act like the best catcher in camp. He had been at Brooklyn farms in Nashua, N. H., and Montreal, and was apparently ready for the majors. But Manager Leo Durocher preferred to string along with his veterans, Bruce Edwards and Gil Hodges.

SHORTLY AFTER the start of the '48 season, Rickey summoned Campanella and announced he was being farmed out to St. Paul in the American Association. Campanella's disappointment was eased when Rickey said, "You're going to open up a new league for Negro players. You're doing something big for your race."

Jackie Robinson, who knew of Campanella's conference with Rickey and was wondering whether the catcher was going to be kept or sent out, exclaimed "Good!" when he learned of the decision. "That's the league where they gave me a hard time in the Little World Series at Louisville in '46," said Jackie. "We're making progress."

The integration of Negroes in organized ball was indeed making progress. They had cracked the National League with Robinson at Brooklyn. Doby was with Cleveland in the American. The Browns had already had two Negroes in their lineup. Don Newcombe was in his third year in the minors, with Nashua in the New England League and Montreal in the International Brooklyn's Sam Jethroe, too, was at Montreal.

Midway during the 1948 season, Cleveland bought a Cuban Negro, Orestes Minoso, from the New York Cuban Giants and placed him at Dayton, Ohio, in the Middle Atlantic League. And in July, the Indians signed Leroy R. Robert (Satchel) Paige, legendary pitcher of the colored circuits.

IF RICKEY had any doubts how his Negro, Campanella, would be received in the American Association town of St. Paul, they vanished two months after the season opened. So happy were St. Paul fans over the play of the rugged catcher, who was out-hitting and out-catching every other catcher in the league, they gave him a "Day," the highest tribute. And they moaned when, later in the year, Rickey hauled him back to Brooklyn.

Paige, the Satchmo of barnstorming fame, of indeterminate age yet definite skill, was the perfect caricature of the colored baseball clown. He was a skinny 6-foot-4, with no more apparent hustle than Stepenfetchit, and had made a fortune as the best pitcher in the colored circuits.

Old Satchel used all the gimmicks. He'd call in his outfielders and then strike out the poor unfortunate at bat. He'd throw overhand, sidearm and underhand. He beat white teams of barnstorming big leaguers with regularity. He could be clown, or pitcher, as he chose. It was to laugh when the Indians in early July of 1948 decided to give Paige a "tryout."

THERE IS NO record that Bill Veeck, Manager Lou Boudreau and Factotum Hank Greenberg blushed when they asked Paige to show them how well he could pitch. But they should have. Dozens of big leaguers who had faced him in barnstorming games could have told them Paige was better than most of the pitchers in the majors. The "tryout" was a joke. Also needless.

The signing of Paige raised the old cry, however, that Veeck was "exploiting" colored players as crowd-drawing novelties. The charge might have been justified when later in that '48 season the eighth-place White Sox, playing Cleveland at home on a night when Paige was pitching, drew 51,000 fans. And a week later when the seventh-place Nats moved into Cleveland on another Paige night, 73,000 fans paid to see the game.

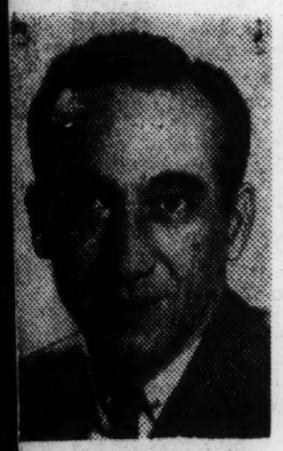
Veeck was certainly exploiting Paige, and the other American League teams had another complaint if they wanted to make it. They couldn't beat Satchmo, who won six games, lost only one during the rest of the season.

"No More Shutouts"

Clowning Delayed Negroes' Start in Majors

By Shirley Povich

When Branch Rickey braved the leers of his fellow magnates in October of 1945 and maneuvered Jackie Robinson into organized baseball on Brooklyn's Montreal farm club, it was the first deliverance from the ghetto of Negro baseball.



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Organized baseball, patrolled by the guardians of white supremacy, was then very much off-limits to the Negro. Colored players were confined to their own leagues as securely as if, indeed, they were walled in. Anyway, in the view of a considerable number of Americans, Negro baseball was only for laughs.

The colored teams themselves were mostly responsible for their reputation for slapstick play and baseball in blackface. Their barnstorming teams advertised their clowns. They adopted and encouraged such outlandish nicknames as Satchel Foot Paige, King Tut, Mules Suttles and Cool Papa Bell. From the posters it was difficult to tell whether the Indianapolis Clowns or a minstrel show was coming to town.

There was another, more serious side to the Negro baseball picture, though their Negro National League, comprised mostly of Eastern ctiies like New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington; and their Negro American League featuring Chicago and Kansas City in the West; and the Negro Southern League, were not clown leagues.

For the stars of those leagues, though, Negro baseball was a dead-end. They could go no farther. The major leagues were forbidden to them, and never could they prove that they could play big league baseball; never getting the chance, they were assailed by the constant doubt that they could measure up to the majors.

Negro baseball got a lift every fall, though, after the World Series, when teams of white big leaguers, not reluctant to pick up a barnstorming buck, would bury the color line and play colored teams. More often than not, when Satchel Paige was pitching, the Negroes would win. And such baseball big shots as Joe Di Maggio, who struck out against Paige, and Lefty Gomez who was out-pitched by Paige, would say "he's a great pitcher and would be great in the majors, too."

Paige was in no great hurry to hurdle the color line, however, although when he did, he demonstrated that Di Maggio and Gomez had labeled him correctly; that he could win in the majors from the moment they gave him the chance. But Paige actually made a financial sacrifice to quit the Negro leagues for organized baseball.

Transcendant star that he was in the colored leagues, with barnstorming privileges on open dates, Paige was the highest salaried pitcher, colored or white, in the Nation. His take ran to nearly $50,000 a year, and he could command no such salary in organized ball. Yet the challenge of the big leagues prompted him to take a cut and join the Cleveland Indians in 1948 under Bill Veeck.

John McGraw's attempt in 1901 to camouflage as Negro as an "Indian" wsa the closest a colored player ever got to the big leagues since their inception in 1876, but at least two Negro players are known to have played in organized ball in the minor in the '80s.

Moses Fleetwood Walker, a Negro who attended Oberlin college in Ohio and was varsity catcher from 1878-81, joined the Toledo team of the American Association in 1884. Walker caught bare-handed in the era before catchers used mitts, and is mentioned in a book titled, "Baseball In Its Adolescence," written by Dr. Carl Wittke, dean of Wester Reserve University's graduate school.

Dr. Wittke called Walker "the pioneer big leaguer of his race," but that is hardly true. The American Association liked to call itself a major league, but the fact is that the National League was the only big league of that era. Of Walker, Dr. Wittke wrote, "Race was no issue, except in a series in Louisville, where he was hissed and insulted by the crowd, and made five errors."

A more famous Negro in organized ball in the eighties, though, was George Stovey, a pitcher for Newark who won 35 games in 1887. It was agreed by players and fans of that era that Stovey could win in the National League, but the racial barrier was so impenetrable that no team dared, or wanted to take him on.

Major league scouts didn't bother to tab the players in the colored leagues. What was the use? In those years before 1946, the big league club owner would swoon if a scout recommended a Negro. When the scouts did watch the colored teams play it was mostly out of curiosity.

Yet there were grudging admissions that such as Satchel Paige, and Josh Gibson might well star in the majojrs. Gibson, the big catcher of the Washington Homestead Grays who used to hit home runs in all directions in Griffith Stadium, as many as four in a doubleheader, handled pitchers "as if he were sitting in a rocking chair." The late Walter Johnson years ago described him as "the best catcher I ever saw."

But always there was that deterrent of final approval, because the Negro Leagues were suspect. There was no ready index to the calibre of the Negro leagues. Were they class 8 or Triple A. Sometimes, there was so much clowning in Negro ball, how could you tell? The common feeling was that they were a long way from major league standards.

That is the belief that Larry MacPhail, then president of the Yankees, expressed in 1945 when he surveyed the problem of Negro non-employment in organized baseball for Mayor LaGuardia of New York. "There are few if any Negro players who could qualify for play in majors at this time," reported MacPhail.

To back his stand, MacPhail cited the statement of Sam Lucy, sports editor of the Afro-American newspapers, who in 1945 wrote: "I am reluctant to say that we haven't a single man in the ranks of colored baseball who could step into a major league uniform and disport himself after the fashion of a big leaguer. Some might possibly excel in hitting, running or fielding, but for the most part our fellows who could hold their own in more than one of these phases are few and far between—perhaps nil."

And so Jackie Robinson, the first Negro who got a chance to play big league ball, immediately won the award of Rookie of the Year, and two seasons later was voted the National League's Most Valuable Player. Two years after that, the same award went to another Negro, Roy Campanella. And in 1951 when the Giants and Dodgers played off for the pennant, seven colored players were in the starting lineups.

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Say, Hey, Willie, Hurry Back to Those Giants

By Shirley Povich

WILLIE MAYS was something different among Negro ball players who found themselves in the big leagues. Unlike most of the others who were middle-aged by baseball standards, and even older, before they were liberated from the colored circuits, Willie was the fresh-faced kid player unburdened by any deep social complexes.

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The Giants, the lucky team that gave him his big league chance, were rewarded beyond their most fantastic dreams. Willie Mays provided the spark that produced the 1951 pennant and the Giants, to a man, wound up with an affection for Willie that no other colored player had ever commanded from his teammates.

Willie didn't bat his way into their affections. With that .274 average, he couldn't. But he achieved it in a dozen different other ways—the throws he made, the balls he caught, the bases he stole, the laughs he provided and the tensions he eased; also the stout ticker that beat within his youthful chest.

Willie was only 18 when the Giants got him, in 1950, put him with their Trenton farm team in the Interstate League. Big league scouts had been hearing of the young Negro with the funny name of Willie Mays ever since he quit high school at the age of 15 to play with the Birmingham Black Barons. The Braves wanted him as a pitcher. The Giants sent Eddie Montague to look over Alonzo Perry, a first baseman on the Birmingham team. Montague's report read:

"NOT MUCH of a report on Perry. Once I saw Willie Mays, it was hard to look at anybody else. He caught my eye with those throws. Then I watched him bat. He doubled off the rightfield wall, and then he sent the leftfielder back to the fence. Then he doubled to center. He made short, fast moves, like Joe Louis. I clocked him at under four seconds getting down to first base. Only the fast left handers do that, and Willie is a right hander."

The Birmingham Black Barons, in a financial sweat after their bus caught fire and went up in flames in Holland Tunnel, sold Willie to the Giants for $10,000. The Giants gave Willie a $5000 bonus for signing. They started to send him to their Sioux City club, then switched him to Trenton, after learning that the Cubs had a Negro in Des Moines and that he was booed when he went to Sioux City.

Willie Mays with his .353 average outgrew Trenton quickly. The next year, the Giants put him at Minneapolis in Triple A. In 35 games, he hit .477 and then was whooshed right up to the Giants who were thinking of a pennant. When he left the Millers, his departure was mourned by one Minneapolis baseball writer who wrote: "Now what will we have to talk about?"

Immediately, Willie Mays gave the Giants' fans plenty to talk about. Quickly, they identified him as a "character." He was easily quotable, and New York baseball writers didn't fumble that fact. These were samples of the Willie Mays philosophy:

"IF YOU worry about one thing, pretty soon you start worrying about others. I don't worry about nothing."

"You say they're gonna throw some of those fast balls up around my head? Well, they gotta throw some down here, too," and he pointed to waist level and took an imaginary swing with his bat.

"Yeah, I try to swing like Joe Di Maggio, copied his style when I saw him in the news reels. No, not Ted Williams style. He's a lefthander. I don't pay no 'tention to him."

On the day Vern Bickford of the Braves hit him on the hand with an inside pitch, they asked Willie Mays if he thought Bickford was trying to dust him off. "I don't know," said Willie. "When that pitch came in, I went away from there."

Initially with the Giants, though, Willie was a disappointment. He didn't get a hit in his first 13 times at bat. But when he did connect it was a grand slam homer off Warren Spahn, a fair trick. But he was one for 26 before he got his second hit. Leo Durocher resisted the temptation to bench him. "I can't," said Leo. "He's in there swinging all the time. He even looks good striking out."

DUROCHER WAS rewarded for his patience. Willie caught fire within two weeks, was winning games for the Giants with both his hitting and his fielding. He was so hot at one point that Frankie Fisch, manager of the Cubs, asked his old friend, Charley Grimm, Milwaukee manager, how to pitch to Willie. "We don't know," said Grimm, "he got 16 hits in 20 times at bat against us in the American Association.

Willie didn't bother to learn the names of his Giants' teammates. "Say, Hey," was his favorite salutation. "Say, Hey, wanna have a catch," "Say, Hey, we gonna beat 'em good today." They in turn called him "Say, Hey, Willie."

He was a big kid. Only 5 feet, 10½ and 175 pounds. But he could turn that bat loose, with power, as his 20 home runs in 1951 attest. And he could fly both on the bases and in the outfield. Invariably his cap would fly off as he sped around the bases, and Polo Grounds fans were disappointed when it didn't.

Willie Mays fans got one of their biggest belts, though, the day he started after a fly ball hit over his head. Turning quickly, he went into a long sprint and as he cut for the ball, sure enough his cap flew off. Unbothered, Willie grabbed it with his bare hand while it was still in the air, and in the next motion gloved the ball in another one-hand catch.

The play they're still talking about though was the day when Willie grabbed Carl Furillo's fly ball after a long run in August of 1951, with the Giants and Dodgers tied up at 1-1 in the eighth inning, and Billy Cox on third base. Willie whirled and without even looking at the plate, threw to Wes Westrum and doubled Cox who was trying to score.

Leo Durocher called it the greatest play he ever saw. Manager Chuck Dressen, of the Dodgers, understandably miffed, whined, "Bet he couldn't do it again?" Rasped Durocher, "None of your guys could do it the first time."

Willie said his goodbys to the Giants in May of '52 when he was drafted for a two-year hitch in the Army. Typically his last words were, "Hold 'em, fellahs, till I get back."

Negro Ace Voted 'Most Valuable'

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Aug. 18 (UP).—One of the highest honors ever accorded a Negro athlete in the South went today to 19-year-old Henry Aaron who was voted the most valuable player in the South Atlantic League.

Aaron, a .368-hitting second baseman who has switched to the outfield, belongs to the Milwaukee Braves and is expected to report to the major league club in mid-September when the Sally League ends.

Southern Association Now Isle Of Bigotry, Prejudice

By MARION JACKSON

North, East, South and West, the Southern Association is slowly becoming walled in by Jim Crow.

You see this in Negro players being integrated into the South Atlanta, Florida International, Texas, Tri-States, Piedmont, Kitty, and the Carolina leagues.

Yet, despite television and shrinking spending income for pleasure eight of the South's largest cities have failed to arouse the Democratic impulses of Atlanta, Birmingham, Chattanooga, Memphis, Mobile Nashville, New Orleans and Little Rock.

Baseball's No. 1 question is just when will the Southern Association break out of its encirclement of racial bigotry and make sports democracy work.

A survey of Southern Association owners reveals an expressed willingness to accept Negro players throughout the loop except in Birmingham and Memphis.

An ordinance adopted by the Birminham City Commission following attempts to play Lem Ford in the defunct Charity professional football bowl bars mixed competition in that city. Racist Commissioner of Public Safety Eugene (Bull) Connor has repeatedly blocked all efforts to bypass the law.

In Memphis the Crump machine through its entertainment censor Loyd T. Binford, has blocked efforts at integrated play.

The attitude of these cities has been a formidable barrier to efforts to hire Negro players elsewhere.

When the Jacksonville Braves signed Henry Aaron, Felix Mantilla, Isabela, Puerto Rico, shortstop, and Horace Garner Norfok Va. the encirclement of the Southern Association was complete.

For the Savannah Indians had already set the stage for hiring Negro players by inking Flemming Reedy and Al Isreal.

The Dallas Eagles of the Texas League broke the colorline by signing Dave Hoskins and Jose Santiago. Since the Eagles took the initiative Negro players have been signed in San Antonio, Tulsa, Oklahoma City, etc.

Biggest crowd-getter last season for Oklahoma City was Greason. Hoskins and Santiago packed 'em through the turnstiles in Dallas.

Wedges are being driven into the Southern Association's ironclad jim crow. Charles Harmon played in the lineup of Tulsa Oilers against the New Orleans Pelician and later against the Memphis Red Sox in Memphis.

The Chicago White Sox are scheduled to play Memphis this month a few expect Manager Paul Richards to bench Orestes Minosa.

In Birmingham, Negroes have been partitioned in a separate grand stand, complete with ticketseller. A public relations man works on behalf of race attendance.

Atlanta opened up a portion of the grandstands to race patrons in a frantic gesture at the pleasure dollar. For several years grandstands have been opened to Negoes in Chattanooga, Nashville and Little Rock.

Mobile, long regarded as the breaking point against Southern Association Jim Crow, was stabbed in the back by writers traveling the Brooklyn Dodgers and Milwaukee Braves who accused the epithet-calling city of being the most prejudiced in the South.

Club Will Employ Capable Players Regardless of Race

By BILL NUNN JR.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—August A. Busche, dynamic and forceful owner of the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team, is a man who has built a fortune on his ability to make level-headed decisions. And if what the world famous beer magnet told me here on the sun-kissed diamond of Al Laing Field recently is true, the St. Louis Cardinals will be hiring Negroes into their organization in the not too distant future.

Busche, who recently purchased the Cardinals from Fred M. Saigh for $3,750,000, readily admitted that as a baseball expert he's a good horse player. "I don't know too much about the game of baseball from an organization viewpoint," Busche related the first day he officially met the members of his new team, "but I do know that in order to have a top organization, you have to have an open mind. That will be the new policy of the Cardinals in regards to Negro ballplayers. Any player whom we figure can help the ball club will be signed regardless of race."

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BUSCHE, WHO wears a suntan easier than most men drive a car, admitted that he was well aware of the fact that the Cardinals have never had a Negro player in their organiation. "It's too early for our group to have taken many steps in the direction of hiring Negroes, or anyone else for that matter. However, we do have several Negro stockholders in the organization, and I think it's reasonable to assume that they would want no part of an outfit which would discriminate in employing good baseball players."

While he admitted the team's policies will be directed from the front office, Busche stated flatly that Eddie Stanky, Cardinal manager, who has played with Negroes when he was a member of the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants, will have the final word about any player being called up to the parent club.

"Like I said before, Negroes will be hired into some of our farm systems soon," Busche continued. "But, being in the minor leagues can be a long way from the top. Certainly, I won't know when a player is ready to make the jump. That decision will be up to Stanky and the men he has surrounding him.

"Having talked to Stanky at great lengths recently," Busche went on, "I'm convinced that Eddie wouldn't care who the guy is . . . if he can help the Cardinals win . . . that's all Stanky is interested in. I've never seen a guy who's more wrapped up in winning ball games."

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BUSCHE WAS ALSO enthusiastic about the roles Negroes have played in the major leagues. "The game has grown much wider in scope since Negroes have arrived on the scene. It's really an All-America sport now. That's the way it should be. Guys like Robinson, Campanella and Irvin have shown by performance that they belong. I'm certain we would welcome any of them with our group.

When queried about the possibility of Negroes eventually breaking into the Southern Association, Busche admitted he wasn't too familiar with the subject and the reasons for not hiring tan players in that circuit. He said, howere, "I have heard they have Negroes playing ball in Texas, and it seems that if they have broken the barriers there, they will eventually break them down in all of the leagues."

With farm clubs in Columbus, Ohio; Rochester, N. Y.; Houston, Tex.; Omaha, Neb.; Fresno, Calif., and Hamilton, Ontario, the Cardinals have plenty of teams where Negro stars can develop. The Cardinal chain has long been one of the top farm systems in all baseball. And, under the broadminded guidance of a youthful organization, the Cards seem headed for bigger and better days.

St. Louis Cardinals Add First Negro Baseball Scout

St. Louis, Mo.—A Negro is joining the St. Louis Cardinal scouting staff, which may mean the club will soon acquire some Negro players for the first time.

The Cardinals announced Thursday that Quincy Troupe, a 37-year-old Negro credited with helping other Negroes to an opportunity to play in the major leagues, had been signed as a scout.

Troupe thus becomes the first Negro to be associated with the club's player personnel.

A club spokesman denied that Troupe had been signed with a view to looking specifically for Negro players.

Full-Time

"He is going to be a regular full-time scout, wherever there are players to be scouted regardless of whether they are Negro or white," the spokesman said.

August A. Busch, Jr., the new president of the Cardinals, said recently in reply to questions from Negro newsmen that the Cardinals would sign players on the basis of ability alone.

Troupe, who lives in St. Louis, played six games with the Cleveland Indians last year before he was sent to Indianapolis of the American Association. He is a catcher.

To His Credit

The Cardinals credit him with discovering Sam Jethroe, now with Toledo of the American Association; Sam Jones of the Cleveland Indians and Jim Pendleton of the Milwaukee Braves.

The St. Louis club said also that Troupe recommended Monte Irvin of the New York Giants, Roy Campanella of Brooklyn and Don Newcombe, who was with Brooklyn until he entered military service.

Troupe has served as player-manager of the Cleveland Buckeyes, the Chicago American Giants, and Guadalajara of Mexico. Last winter he was with Caracas of Venezuela.

He has played with such teams as the Kansas City Monarchs, the Carta Blancas of Monterrey, Mexico, The Mexico City Reds, Drummondville, Canada, the Detroit Stars and the St. Louis Stars.

Cards to Welcome Negro Players

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 5 (AP).—August A. Busch jr., St. Louis Cardinals president, today repeated his pledge to sign Negro players to Redbird contracts.

Busch, opening a week-long Cardinal organizational meeting, said the club wants "the very best ball players we can get, regardless of race, religion, creed or color."

From a practical standpoint, Busch said, "It is ridiculous to close the doors to any minority, especially when our competitors owe so much of their success to members of this minority group."

SIGNED BY CARDS—Alonzo Brooks, star infielder of the Florida A.-M. College SIAC championship team, who last week was signed by the St. Louis Cardinal organization and assigned to the Cards' Hamilton, Ontario farm club in the Class D Pony League. Jones, 20, is a native of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. and throws and bats righthanded.

Tucker Becomes First Negro in Card Chain

ST. LOUIS—The first Negro player to sign a contract with the St. Louis Cardinal organization was inked to a Fresno, Calif., contract last week by Cardinal Scout Ken Penner.

One hundred and ninety-six pound Leonard Tucker, a 23-year-old highhanded power-hitting outfielder of Fresno State College, became the first Negro player to don the Red Bird spangles. A native of Mound (Ill.), Tucker just completed a successful season at Fresno State College where he hit .453 in conference play, scored forty-seven runs, hit nine homers for a new school record and had ninety-eight total bases. In addition, the speedy outfielder stole thirty-five bases.

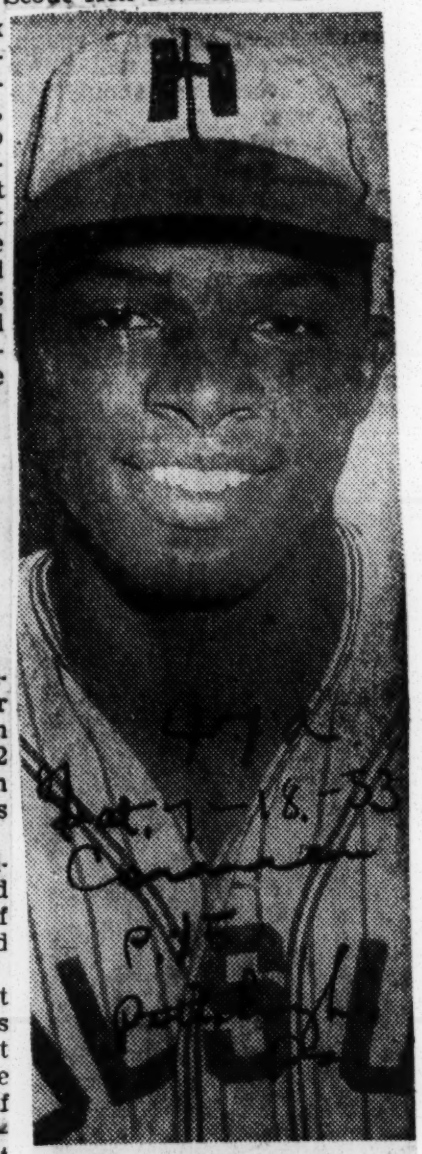
Tucker also led his school basketball team in scoring during the past season with 459 points for a new school and conference record. He also finished twelfth in the nation among college basketball stars with a field goal percentage of 51.4.

Tucker started playing baseball in 1949 while in the Air Force at Lackland Air Base in San Antonio, Tex. Tucker hit .362 in his initial baseball campaign at Lackland and stole 113 bases in ninety games.

He entered Fresno State College in the winter of 1952 and just completed a full season of baseball before inking a Redbird contract.

Tuckers' statement to Scout Ken Penner and Fresno officials was: "I'm glad to be the first player of my race to join the Cardinals, and in the words of my college coach, Pete Beiden—it's a long way to St. Louis, but I'll pray for it and work for it."

The signing of Leonard Tucker, a 23-year-old college student, as an outfielder by the St. Louis Cardinal organization with the Fresno club in California left the boys around the Theresa Hotel wondering what the hell is wrong with the New York Yankees.



HAPPY SMILE — 18-year-old William Miller, above, ex-Cohen High flash, gives with a happy smile at the thought of someday being a major league performer. Miller was signed to a St. Louis Cardinal contract last week and will report to the Cardinals' farm club, the Hamilton (Ontario) Red Wings of the Class D Pony League, next spring.

Texas Loop Opens Tonight; Three Teams List Negroes

DALLAS, Tex. (UP) — The Texas League opens its 58th campaign tonight with six of the eight clubs getting a head start because of a threat of television distraction that didn't materialize.

There wasn't a standout favorite in the lot as Dallas prepared to entertain Fort Worth, Tulsa to play host to Oklahoma City and Houston to open at home against Shreveport tonight.

Beaumont, which opens at home against San Antonio tomorrow night, was the last point standing firm against changing the original April 10 opening date because it conflicted with a national telecast of a heavyweight boxing bout. When the bout was postponed, it was too late for the early-jumpers to jump back in stride.

Dallas, the 1952 full season champion, and Shreveport, which won the playoffs, are rated well up in contention again, but so are Houston— last lear's cellar team — and Oklahoma City. Fort Worth, San Antonio and Tusla are not too far behind in pre-season talk. Only Beaumont appears definitely out of the challenging role at this date.

The opening two-game series will be concluded Saturday night and the clubs shift partners and playing sites for the remaning four openings — Dallas going to Oklahoma City, Tulsa to Fort Worth, Houston to San Antonio and Beaumont to Shreveport on Sunday.

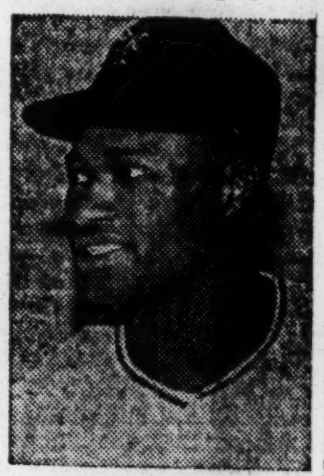
J. Alvin Gardner, league president who usually comes pretty close to hitting his predictions, forecasts a 1,500,000 season gates for the league — better than last year but far below the loop's all-time high of more than 2,000,000.

Three new managers will be at the helm — Jim Crandall at San Antonio, Al Vicent at Beaumont and Max Macon at Fort Worth, while the holdovers include Al Hollingsworth at Houston, Tommy Tatum at Oklahoma City, L. D. Myers at Dallas and Mickey Livingston at Shreveport.

No longer will it be a novelty to see Negroes on Texas League teams in the wake of successful experiments by Dallas and Oklahoma City last year. Both these clubs again will have colored players, while San Antonio has joined the list for this season.

Hank Thompson Batted Around in New York

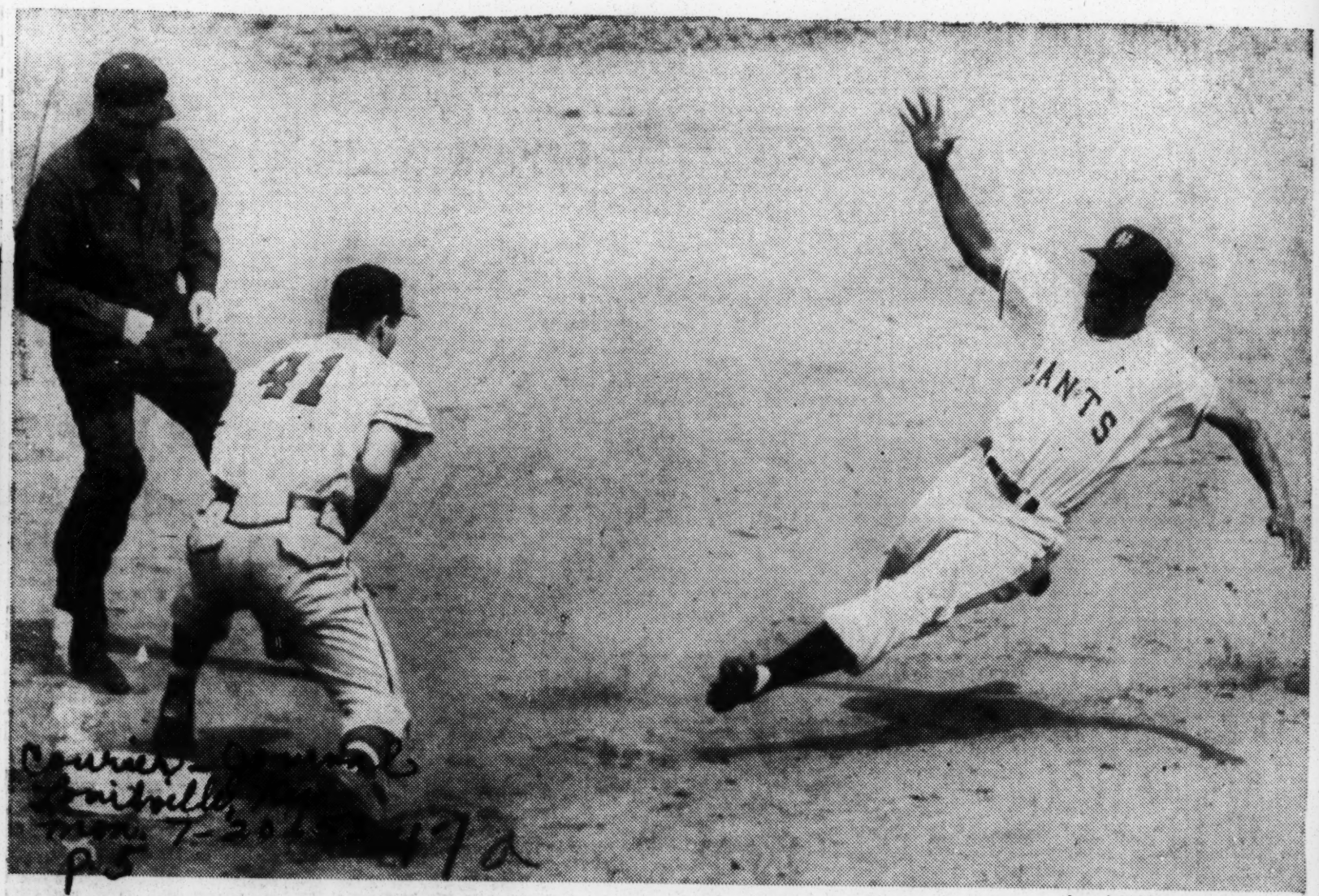
NEW YORK — Henry Thompson, New York Baseball Giants' ace utility infielder and outfielder, was severely beaten early Saturday morning by a cab driver who wielded a stick over Thompson's head and face and struck the baseball player's wife and the brother of Monte Irvin, also Giant star outfielder. Thompson was in University Heights Hospital, 176th Street and Tremont Avenue, in a "fair" condition after fourteen stitches had been made on his face.



Hank Thompson

Seventh Deputy Commissioner William L. Rowe, near the scene at the time of the altercation, assisted in the arrest of the cab driver, William Winfrey, 219 Edgecombe Avenue. Winfrey was out on bail after a hearing in Felony Court Saturday morning. According to Mrs. Mary Thompson, who was with her husband at the time, the couple, along with Mr. and Mrs. Milton Irvin, were returning home from the Gay Northesterners dance in the Savoy Ballroom. She said that a cab sideswiped the Thompson car on St. Nicholas Avenue between 141st and 145th Streets. She said that the same cab cut short in front of them near 148th Street on St. Nicholas Avenue, causing Thompson, who was driving, to stop short. Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Irvin, who were seated in the back, were thrown forward in their seats and were shaken up. At the red light, words were passed between Irvin and the cab driver. The driver, said Mrs. Thompson, got out of his car, carrying a stick, and struck at Irvin.

Mrs. Thompson said that she was struck on the hand that she had rested on the window. As Thompson got out of the car, the driver "whaled away" at Hank, knocking him to the ground. Winfrey was attempting to leave the scene, Mrs. Thompson said, when Comissioner Rowe drove up. After the arrest, Thompson was taken to Mother Cabrini Hospital where the stitches were taken. After insisting that he be released, Thompson was sent home. About noon Saturday he was taken to University Heights Hospital.



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DEAD PIGEON—Hank Thompson, Giant third baseman, starts a belated slide into third base. Waiting with the ball is Eddie Mathews, Milwaukee third baseman, who tagged the sliding Thompson for the first out in the first game of a doubleheader at the Polo Grounds yesterday. The umpire is Al Barlick. The Giants and Braves split 2 games.

In Spite of Team's Slump

Henry Thompson Proving Great Player With Giants

PHILADELPHIA — The guy watched Henry Thompson roam far to his left, spear a sizzling hopper and fire a strike across the diamond. "Isn't it just a crime," he muttered. "That the year that guy has had should be going to waste like it is? On the other hand, I just hate to think where the Giants would have been without him. In my book, he's got to be the most valuable Giant of 1953.

The only guys you could mention in the same breath with him would be Monte Irvin, Ruben Gomez and Whitey Lockman. And none of them can really compare with Henry."

The speaker was one of the camp followers who have had to watch the death throes of a Giant club that was hailed as a pennant contender in the spring, got away to a stumbling start, battled uphill for a long stretch and then suddenly just when it seemed to be finally rolling in full stride came apart at the seams.

The fabled one-horse shay never broke down any more completely than the 1953 Giants who through Aug. 21 had lost 21 out of their last 28 games and fallen 23½ games off the pace of the flying Dodgers.

The fold-up has been so complete that it is staggering.

The returns aren't all in yet, of course, and it will take time to discover the real answers. They are, of course, multifold in number and no one person is to blame. But certainly, no one can point a finger of even the slightest suspicion at Henry Thompson. Nor for that matter at Irvin, Gomez or Lockman though the latter has tailed off just a bit lately. Practically everybody else is suspect, though.

But the purpose here is to sing of Thompson, the little slugger who's come all the way back from the hard times he plunged into the Giants' glory year of '51 to a pinnacle which finds him one of the top players in the league.

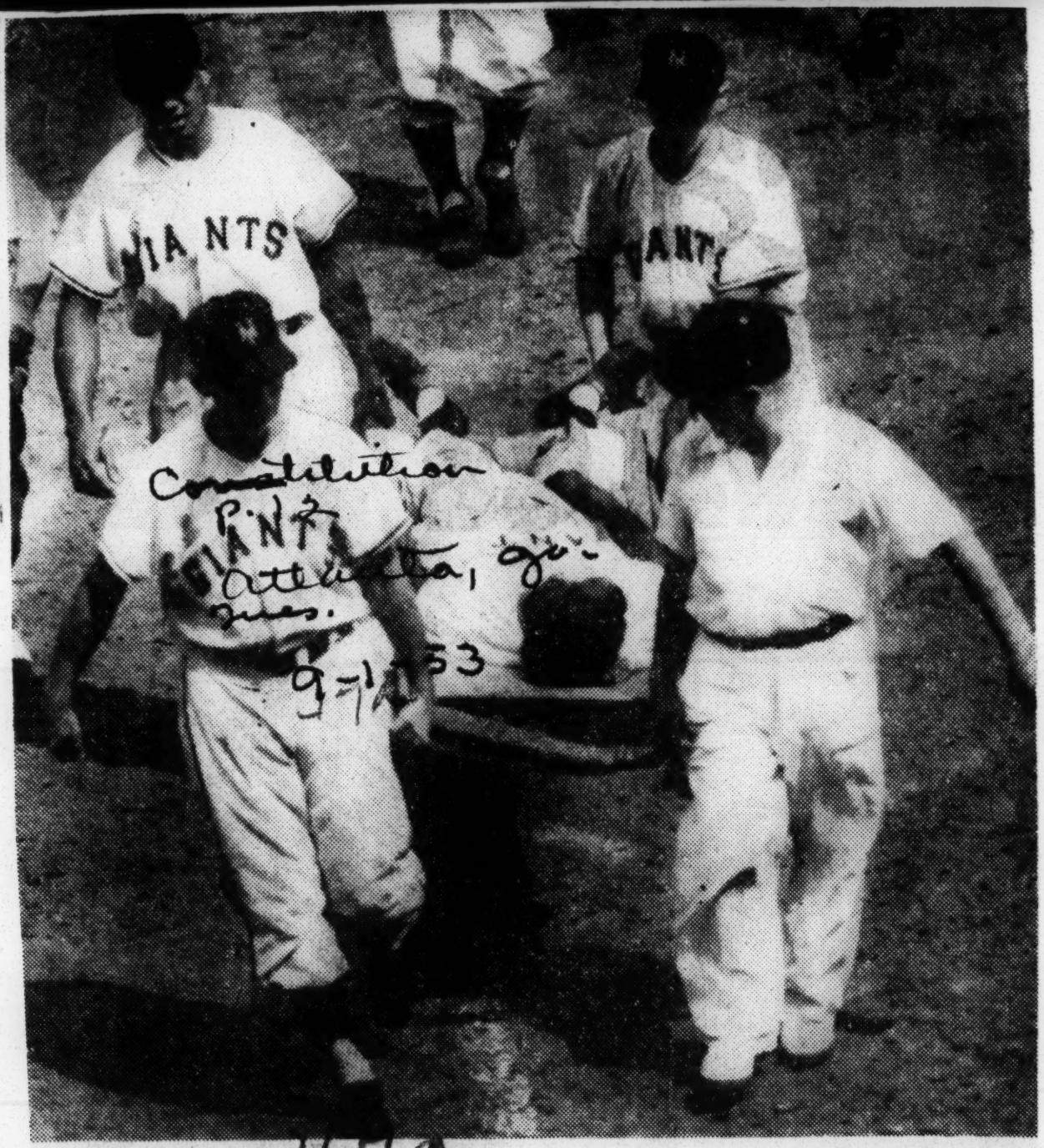
THAT HE is the Giant of the year goes without question. Monte Irvin has made a tremendous comeback and he still reigns atop of the hitters of the league. But the speed that he lost when he smashed his ankle a year ago has been a retarding factor on the bases and in the field. Whereas Henry has been absolutely superb with a glove on his left hand and he leads all the Giants in stolen bases with five. His blazing turn of speed has helped keep many a Giant rally alive.

It isn't any rap at Irvin to say that he is no longer the speed demon he was before the crack-up at Denver. It's just one of those tragic facts that neither he nor anybody else, including the greatest surgeons in the world, could do anything about.

Henry is belting the ball at a highly respectable .313 clip. He is still among the top hitters in

the league and he has knocked in 69 big runs. He hit two homers during the past week to up his season total to 24—four over his previous all-time big league high—and he just missed another when a sudden gust of wind kept his soaring drive off Carl Erskine from clearing the right field barrier at Ebbets Field.

Henry was so sure it was over that he had settled down into the the traditional home-run trot when he saw that it was being fielded by Carl Furillo. He stepped on the gas and made it to second for a double but he could hardly believe that it hadn't been out of the park. "I was sure it was over," he explained later. Actually, it missed only by a couple of inches.



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CARRYING HENRY HOME—NEW YORK, Aug. 31—New York Giants third baseman Henry Thompson is carried off the field after coming off second best against a bad-hop grounder from the bat of Chicago's Bill Serena. Thompson suffered a concussion, X-rays were to be taken. Carrying their wounded mate Monday afternoon are Davey Williams (front left), Ruben Gomez (rear left), trainer Frank Bowman (front right) and the bat boy.

Hank Thompson Is Beaten With Bat

Victim Of Beating

Cabbie Hits Player During Word Battle

N.Y. Club Infielder Seriously Hurt; Suspect Arrested

NEW YORK—Third baseman Henry (Hank) Thompson, New York Giants barely escaped a possible skull fracture here early Saturday as a result of a fight with a taxicab driver armed with a baseball bat.

The 27-year-old star, member of the all-colored Giant outfield which met the New York Yankees in the 1951 World Series, was confined at Mother Cabrini hospital under observation through Sunday night, following treatment of head wounds requiring 14 stitches.

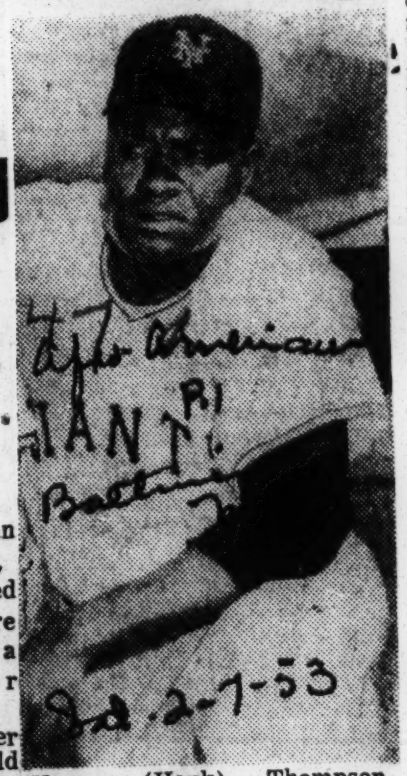
The contusions, which doctors said were of undetermined severity until X-rays could be made, came about during an attack by William Winfrey, 30 - year - old driver of a taxicab.

Near Thompson's Home

Winfrey, police said, assaulted Thompson after their two cars were in a near collision at 149th st. and St. Nicholas ave., several blocks from the Thompson residence.

The cabbie was arrested and paroled for a hearing on Tuesday. Police say he stands 6 feet, 2 inches, and weighs approximately 190 pounds.

The official National League Green Book lists Thompson as 5 feet, 9 inches, and 170 pounds.



Henry (Hank) Thompson, New York Giants third baseman, who was assaulted with a baseball bat during an argument in NYC earlier this week.

Wife With Infielder

Mrs. Maria Thompson, wife of the ball player, told the AFRO Sunday morning that she and her husband were returning home from a dance, accompanied by Milton Irvin, brother of Hanks teammate, Monte Irvin.

Also in the Thompson automobile at the time were Mrs. Dorothy Irvin, wife of Milton, and Miss Alma Ortiz, a friend of the Thompsons from Puerto Rico.

As the two automobiles stopped barely short of a crash, Mrs. Thompson told the AFRO, the cabbie left his car and began arguing with the occupants of her car. When Irvin lowered the right front window of their machine to remonstrate with the man, the latter swung at him.

Felled Many Times

Thompson then got out of his vehicle and the brawl between him and Winfrey ensued.

"He took a sawed off baseball bat from his car," said Mrs. Thompson, "and began striking Tommy with it. Each time he hit him, Tommy fell to the ground.

"I tried to get out, but I was pinned in the back of the car. We have a two-door car and I couldn't get out in time to take part. When I finally got out, I ran after him up St. Nicholas ave., but could only get close enough to grab hold of his coat. He snatched himself loose and continued to run.

"A policeman saw what was happening and caught him. Commissioner Billy Rowe, who attended the same dance with us, came on the scene at this point and took over. After ordering the man's arrest, he went with us to the hospital to take care of Tommy.

Thought Man Crazy

"I thought the man must have been crazy the way he was acting, but the commissioner said that he had him examined and found him okay."

Thompson, said his wife, was taken home after being treated at the hospital, but returned to Mother Cabrini later Saturday afternoon, on instructions from the doctors.

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Trice Gets Chance

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Trice, with a 20 and 10 record with the A's triple A farm team, is rated a candidate to win three International league honors — most valuable player, rookie of the year, and all-star team member.

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JIM and LEANDER TUGERSON

Cannot Play— Left to right, Jim and Leander Tugerson, members of the Hot Springs (Ark.) club which was kicked out of the Deep South Cotton States League last week because they were kept on the team. League President Al Haraway said the Bathers' franchise was withdrawn at a recent meeting because the issue at stake was a "matter of survival." Negroes have never played in the 52-year-old league.—INP.

Minoso, Johnson Banned in Memphis

Chicago Stars Happy To Be Out of South

By WENDELL SMITH

CHICAGO—The White Sox have finished their campaigning in Dixie and Minnie Minosa and Connie Johnson, the two Negro members of the club, are probably the happiest men in baseball today.

Minoso, the brilliant Cuban outfielder, and Johnson, promising rookie pitcher, have been living on the "other side of the tracks" throughout spring training. Victims of Southern racial prejudice, they have been living apart and away from their teammates ever since the Sox hit the Southern highway that leads to Comiskey Park two weeks ago.

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THE HIGHLIGHT of the spring journey home was reached in Memphis last week when Mayor Crump refused to let them play in an exhibition game there against the Philadelphia Athletics.

Minoso and Johnson were barred from playing because Crump insisted on invoking the old law which prohibits Negroes from playing or associating with whites in public places.

The law has been in effect throughout the South since and before Civil War days. Most cities however have waived the regulation since 1947, when Jackie Robinson came to the big leagues as a member of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

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MANY FAITHFUL followers of the Sox are wondering now why Frank Lane, general manager of the club, permitted his athletes to play in Memphis.

The Brooklyn Dodgers, Cleveland Indians and New York Giants have stipulated ever since they signed Negro players that the "no Negro players" ban be ignored on spring training trips.

The White Sox, however, played without Minoso, who is one of the stars of the team, beating the Athletics 9 to 3.

The following day, both Minnie and Johnson played against the Athletics in Chattanooga, which also has a similar law on the

Yankees Sign Second Negro Pitching Star

NEW YORK — (ANP) —Announcement that the staggering Yankees have signed their second Negro pitcher within two weeks of each other hit the press last week.

The newcomer is Edward Andrews of New Brunswick, N. J. high school. The 6 foot, 220 pound righthander was assigned to Olean in the Pony league in New York State, the lowest classification in the Yankee chain.

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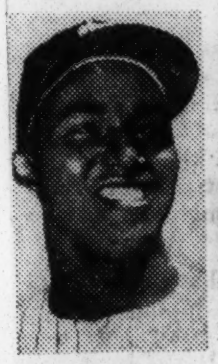
Yankees Call Two Negroes

KC's Power, Howard First To Break Yank Color Line

NEW YORK, Oct. 13—(AP)—The world champion New York Yankees today brought up Vic Power and Elston Howard, a pair of Negro stars, from their Kansas City farm in the American Association.

Power and Howard, two of the eight players promoted by the Yankees from their vast minor league organization, will be the



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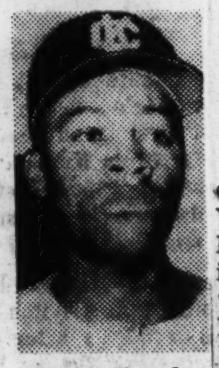

Elston Howard

first Negroes ever to wear a Yankee uniform. Both will join the club at the spring training camp in St. Petersburg, Fla., next February.

hitter who plays the infield, as well as the outfield, captured the American Association batting title this past season with a .349 average. The 23-year-old, who played mostly in left field this season, also paced the circuit with 217 hits and 324 total bases.

Howard, a fleetfooted flychaser, batted .286 in 139 games and showed considerably less power than his hard-hitting teammate.

Six of the eight players come from Kansas City. The other two were brought up from Birmingham of the Southern Association. Besides Power and Howard, the Kayoee graduates include pitchers Mel Wright and Wally Burnette, catcher Lew Berberet and outfielder Bill Virdon. The Birmingham hopefuls are outfielder Emil Tellinger and Hal Smith.

The Yankees are the fourth major league club to either bring up or announce the purchase of a Negro player in the past two months. In all 11 big league clubs now have Negro players on their roster.

The decision to bring up Power ended conjecture as to what the Yankees intended to do about Power. He had put in four years in the New York organization, hitting well above .300 each year. Power had his best year in 1953. In 622 times at bat, he amassed 217 hits, including 39 doubles, 10 triples and 16 home runs. He drove in 93 runs.

Sports in brief—

Power, Howard first Negro players with Yanks

(From wire reports)

The New York Yankees, for the first time in major league history, have Negroes on their roster. They are First Baseman Vic Power and Outfielder Elstan Howard, both purchased yesterday from the Yankees' Kansas City farm club.

Duke Quarterback Jerry Barger, for his part in the Blue Devils' 20 to 14 victory over Purdue, is the lineman of the week in The Associated Press' weekly poll. Fith First Stringer Worth Lutz injured, Barger stepped into the breach and guided the Dukes to a comeback win, scoring the winning touchdown with 39 seconds left to play.

He nosed out Maryland's Bernie Faloney and Illinois Stars J. C. Caroline and Mickey bates for the week's honor.

THE BASEBALL case went into another inning before the Supreme Court today, with the future of the reserve clause hanging in the balance.

For more than an hour, the nine justices heard major and minor league baseball argue. Minor league attorneys maintained that baseball is a money making business that crosses state lines. They held, too, that the controversial reserve clause giving clubs control of players' services as illegal.

Baseball's attorneys were inclined to rely heavily on the single precedent in the case, the Supreme Court decision of 1922, written by Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, that baseball is a sport, not a commercial enterprise.

Johnny Lindell of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia and Maury McDermott of Boston led National and American League pitchers at the plate during the past season. Lindell batted .311, McDermott .301. Other National leaders: Haddix, St. Louis, .289; Surkont, Milwaukee, .286; Minner, Chicago, .221; Presko, St. Louis, .220. Other American leaders: Brown, Boston, .293; Larsen, St. Louis, .288; Wynn, Cleveland, .275.

NORTHWESTERN boasts the nation's top all-around offensive team, with a three-game average of 408.4 yards per game. Top rushing team is Illinois (328.0) and the top passing team is Fordham (185.5) just a shade ahead of Northwestern's 185.0.

The New York Giants arrived by plane in Tokyo today for their 14-game baseball series in Japan and Manager Leo Durocher allowed as how he would win them all.

Aging Otto Graham of the Cleveland Browns again is the National Football League's top passed, with an average of 12.24 yards gained per throw in his first three games of the season. He has completed 53 of 76 passes attempted for 930 yards.

Power will compete not only with Collins but Don Bollweg and 17-year-old bonus baby Frank Leja, as well.

Howard was born in St. Louis on February 23, 1929. The Yankees bought him from the Kansas City Monarchs.

His 1953 record with Kansas City shows an average of .286, with 70 runs driven in, 10 homers, 22 doubles and 212 total bases.

Power Signing Sets Yankee Negro Policy

Move Silences Pressure Groups

By DANIEL.

Joe Collins, first baseman, and Bill Renna, right-handed batting utility outfielder, the world champion Yankees, today faced the strong likelihood of being forced to fight for their jobs in the 1954 training camp at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Their challengers will be Vic Power and Elston Howard, first Negro players to appear on the roster of the New York club since it came into the American League in 1903.

In the absence of George M. Weiss, who was on his way to Hawaii, Roy Hamey announced that Power and Howard had been purchased from the Kansas City subsidiary.

The communique was of special importance since it formulated the Yankees' policy with regard to Negro players.

Ever since Jackie Robinson joined the Dodgers in 1947, great pressure had been exerted on the Bombers to add Negro talent to their already successful forces.

Weiss answered pressure group demands and Stadium picketings with the statement that as soon as the New York club could find a truly eligible Negro player, it would be only too glad to bring him into the Bronx arena.

However, these assurances were doubted by the critical groups. Now they have been silenced.

Power, in particular, is a formidable candidate for a regular berth. He is the 1953 batting champion of the American Assn., with 217, and in total bases, with 324, and tied for beating out doubles, at 39. He is fast, has a fine arm, and plays the outfield and third base about as adroitly as he operates around first.

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During the 1954 training season

Yanks Get Robinson, Byrd From Athletics

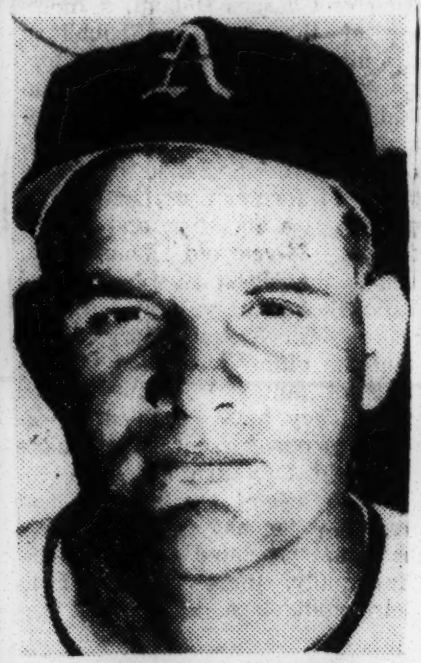
Philadelphia Takes Negro Ace Vic Power, Bill Renna, Don Bollweg in 11-Man Deal

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP)—In an 11-player deal today, the world champion New York Yankees acquired first baseman Eddie Robinson and pitcher Harry Byrd from the Philadelphia Athletics in exchange for Negro first baseman Vic Power, outfielder Bill Renna and first baseman Don Bollweg.

The trade, greatest numerically in Yankee history, also involved the Yankees' Kansas City farm of the American Association and the return of $25,000 to the A's in the sale of third baseman Loren Babe last year.

The A's sent Babe, first baseman Tom Hamilton and outfielder Carmen Mauro to Kansas City.

In return the A's got catcher Al Robertson, who played with Kansas City and Syracuse, pitcher John Gray of Kansas City and third baseman Jim Finigan of Binghamton of the Eastern League.



NEW YANKEE

Ex-A's Hurler Harry Byrd

In addition the Yankees said they would option two Kansas City players to Ottawa, the Athletics' International League farm. The Yanks said they would retain possession of the players.

The Yankees sold Babe last April to the A's for $25,000 and as part of today's deal the Yankees will return the money.

Although Earle Mack, Philadelphia vice president, called it "A wonderful deal for us," there wasn't the slightest doubt that the Yankees thought it was superwonderful for them.

"This will open the floodgates," said George Weiss, Yankee general manager, with a huge grin on his face. "The other clubs will have to scramble."

"We strengthened ourselves in the departments we needed help in most," said Weiss, who admitted the Yanks gave up no one important to their drive for a sixth straight pennant in 1954.

"It is a good start toward the beginning of a faster, younger, better defensive team that will bring the club into the first division," said Mack in Philadelphia.

In Robinson the Yankees received a lefthanded hitter who had a lifetime batting average of .281 through 1952 and who hit .247 last year. Although his average dipped last year, he still managed to hit 22 homers and drive in 102 runs. He will make up for the gap left by the retirement of Johnny Mize, the pinch-hitter de luxe.

Byrd, a 29-year-old right-hander, was named Rookie of the Year in 1952 when he won 15 and lost 15 and had an earned run average of 3.32. He, too, tailed off in '53, finishing with an 11-20 record and a 5.51 earned run average.

The Yankees said the key man in the deal for the A's was Power, the 24-year-old slugger who had been called up to the Yankees from Kansas City after leading the triple -A loop with a .349 average.

Vic Power

Loren Babe

Don Bollweg

Bill Renna

He clouted 16 homers and drove in 93 runs.

Both Bollweg, a 31-year-old lefthanded hitter, and Renna, a 27-year-old righthanded batter, were only part time players with the Yanks. Bollweg hit .297 in 155 times at bat while Renna had a .314 average in 121 trips to the plate.

Babe, 25, lefthanded hitter, batted .230 in 108 games, two homers, 26 runs batted in.

Hamilton, 27, lefthanded hitter, batted .196 in 58 games.

Mauro, 27, lefthanded hitter, played 81 games with Washington and Philadelphia, batted .255, 19 runs batted in.

Robertson, 25, lefthanded hitter, batted .278 for Kansas City and .264 for Syracuse.

Gray, 26, righthanded pitcher, had a 9-7 record for Kansas City, with 4.15 earned run average.

Finigan, 25, righthanded hitter, batted .303 in Eastern League, 13 homers and 80 runs batted in.

Asked if he thought he was inviting censure by letting go of Power, Weiss said:

"I don't see why a colored player should be separated from a white. I think you'd be weak if you're afraid to invite censure. He's a fellow who never played major league ball. We're strong at his positions — first base and the outfield. We strengthened ourselves."

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR EDDIE

Robinson Overjoyed About Going to the Yankees

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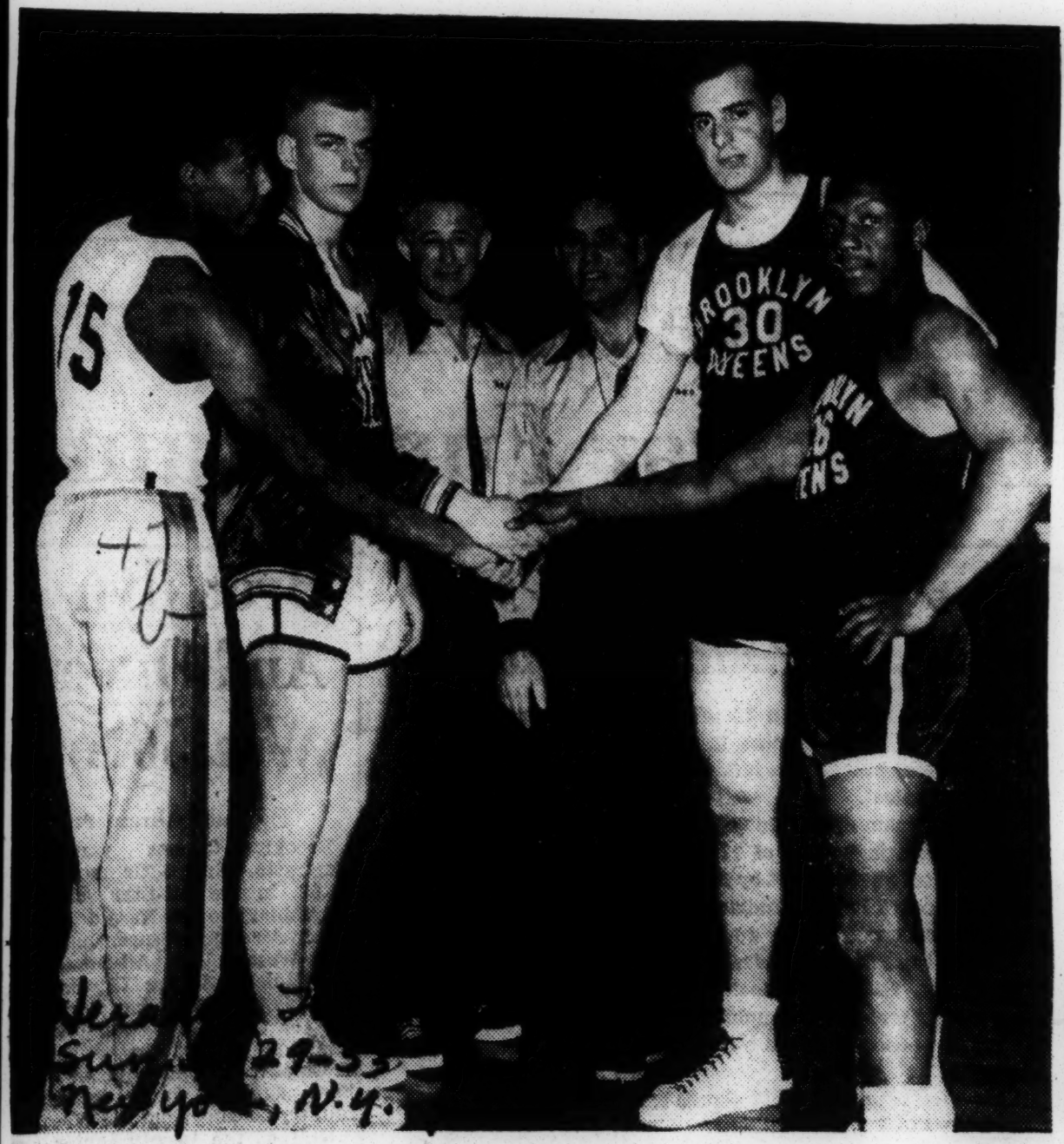


Jack Frank

BEFORE THE GAME: Co-captains of the schoolboy All-Star fives get together with the referees before the start of last night's game at the Garden. Left to right are Carl Green and George Bouvet, of Brooklyn-Queens; referees Sam Schoenfeld and Jammy Moskowitz, and Manhattan-Bronx-Richmond's Mike Parenti and Ron Bressant

DUKES, GARRETT TOP TROTTERS' ROOKIE GROUP

44 Players Report to Abe Saperstein

Walter Dukes, former Seton Hall All-American, and Bill Garrett, ex-Indiana university sensation, are the key figures in the 1953-54 rookie crop, one of the best ever assembled by the Harlem Globe Trotters basketball team.

Forty-four players have reported for workouts in the St Anselm and the Olivet institute gymnasiums under the direction of Abe Saperstein, team owner and a staff of assistant coaches.

Goose Tatum Back

Star veterans, such as Reece [Goose] Tatum, Marques Haynes, Ermer Robinson, Johnny Wilson, Joshua Grider, William

Walter Duke

Bill Garrett

[Rookie] Brown, Sam Wheeler, Clarence Wilson, and Roscoe [Duke] Cumberland, have been joined by a number of players called up for tryouts from Globe Trotter farm teams, two just out of high school, one recently graduated from college, and Dukes and Garrett.

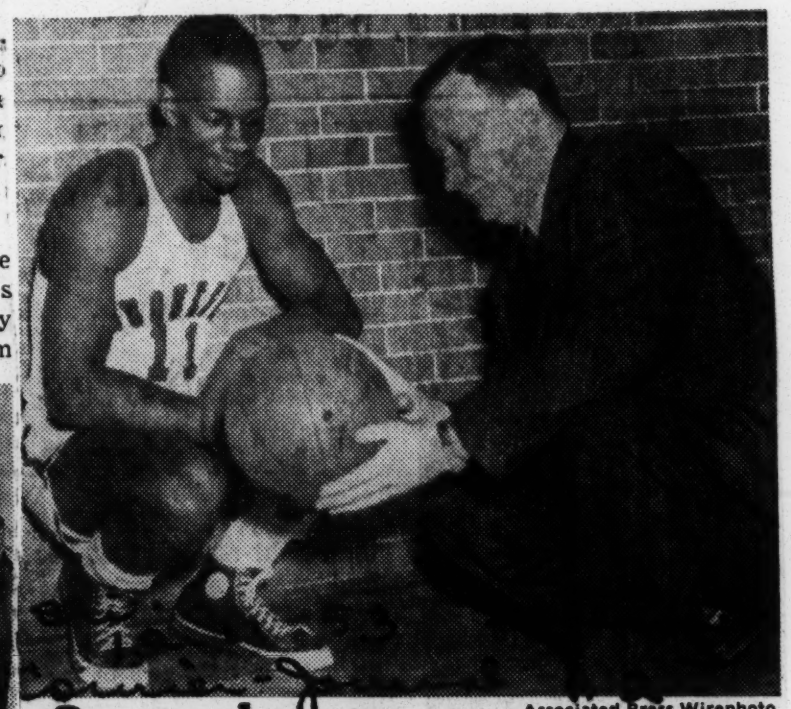
Top prospects up from the farms are Lee Garner and J. C. Gipson, who stand 6-10 and 6-8 respectively, Leon Hillard of Chicago, and Boid Buie, one armed player.

McRae Joins Squad

Joel McRae, star on last year's state championship team at La-Grange High school; Willie Gardner, former Indianapolis Crispus Attucks star, and Junius Kellogg, former Manhattan college standout, are the other rookies commanding attention.

Aiding Saperstein are Inman Jackson, Louis Pressly, Milliam Gates, and Elmer Ripley, who resigned as coach at West Point Military academy at the close of last season.

The Trotters posted 161 straight victories in regular games, won 81 straight in a European tour, 14 or 21 against the College All-Stars, and 11 in a row on an outdoor tour during their 1952-53 season which ended Sept. 1.



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GREEN NO GREENHORN—Coach Dudey Moore of Duquesne University, one of the nation's top basketball teams, tells Si Green, sophomore sensation from Brooklyn, he wants him to keep up his brilliant pace in the Steel Bowl tourney starting tonight at Pittsburgh. Wake Forest, Pitt and Bradley are the other entries.

UNBEATEN TEAM TO PLAY N. Y. U.: Coach Dudey Moore and his Duquesne quintet, winner of all seven games played this season, at a practice session for Garden game tonight. Players are, left to right, Dick Ricketts, Si Green, Jim Tucker, Mickey Winograd and Lou Iezzi.

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Walt Dukes Is Difference As Seton Hall Rolls On

By JOHN BARRINGTON
International News Service

NEW YORK—Seton Hall's top-ranked college basketball team is far from a one-man aggregation, but it's the big guy—6' 11" Walt Dukes—who makes the difference between an undefeated season and one with several blemishes.

St. Bonaventure played it that way last week. "Stop Dukes and you stop Seton Hall," Coach Ed Melvin told his Bonnies, who proceeded to battle the Pirates to a 35-all halftime tie with Big Bill Edwards doing a fine job on Duks.

BUT AFTER the intermission Dukes—profiting from the wise words of his coach, Honey Russell — began playing up to his measure as an All-American candidate. He wound up the evening with 25 points, clogging up the middle effectively on defense, while Seton Hall won, 74 to 67.

Dukes, now a senior, has improved steadily since he first came to Seton Hall with nothing much but height to recommend him. He had played only two years of high school ball, was reasonably fast for his size but didn't show much aggressiveness.

RUSSELL TAUGHT him how to handle his lanky frame and coached him into one of the best rebound-grabbers in the game. In Seton Hall's 22 games, he's scored 591 points this season, approximately 26.9 per contest. And many a time, he has coralled more rebounds than the entire opposing team.

It took Walt only 19 games to break the Seton Hall single-season scoring record of 524 points—which he set last year in 26 games—and now every point he makes adds to the school record.

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THE NEW York Knickerbockers of the National Basketball Association are keeping a more than casual eye on Dukes. The Knicks have lacked an outstanding big man for years, and they have a territorial option on his professional services.

However, there may be complications. Dukes explains that he wants to be an attorney. He says:

"I'm more anxious to go to law school than play basketball for only a few years. If I can work out both school and basketball, that'll be fine. But if I can't, I'll choose school."

By TOMMY FITZGERALD

Before leaving yesterday for Dayton, where he saw Seton Hall lose its first game of the season in 28 starts last night, Coach Peck Hickman of the University of Louisville was inclined to pull for a Seton Hall victory.

He felt a Seton triumph would psychologically help Louisville's chances of beating the nation's No. 1 club in the basketball game of the season tonight at the Armory before a sellout crowd of 8,000.

"Our boys have built up a winning complex based on the incentive of being the first team to knock off the champs," Peck said. "A Dayton win might take away that advantage."

Tension Mounts

"A lot of tension mounts in a club trying to maintain an unbeaten record. A Dayton win would relieve Seton of this strain and might make them even tougher for us. On the other hand, a first loss in a case like this sometimes puts a team on the skids and they lose two or three in a row before recovering. It's hard to figure out the psychological angles."

Hickman also facetiously announced that the Cardinals will employ their new offense against Seton in tonight's 8 o'clock classic—the O.P.S. attack.

"That," he explained with a grin, "is the Offer-A-Prayer-and-Shoot offense."

Must Share Rebounds

Turning serious, he said his boys will indeed have to depend almost exclusively on shooting accuracy from the floor unless a few changes he subtly has worked into his defense can prevent Seton Hall's 6-11 All-American Walter Dukes from dominating the rebounds.

"Our best bet," he said, "is to keep Dukes from hogging the boards. If we can get our normal share of rebounds, we should have a good chance. We've planned our defense toward that end."

Louisville lost to Seton Hall by 11 points, 77-66, up there at South Orange, N. J., in December. Thought of that defeat, though, fails to dismay the Cardinals. Neither does the fact that Seton Hall (before entering its game with Dayton at Dayton last night) had won 27 straight games for a new major-college winning streak.

"I know one thing," Hickman asserted. "My kids are ready. They think they can win. It's a big order, though."

Not One-Man Team

In that first game with Louisville, Dukes, one of the nation's top rebounders as well as leading scorers with an average of 26 points a game, pitched in 30 points (on seven field goals and 16 free throws) and captured 24 defensive rebounds.

"Dukes is great," Hickman admitted, "but Seton Hall is not a one-man team by any means. Richie Reagan, their play-maker, is the best outside man I've seen this season. He's an excellent quarterback out there on the floor. And they have some other capable guys."

If Seton Hall has one weakness, it is in depth, Hickman thinks.

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"They can replace everybody but Dukes and Reagan without any trouble," he said. "But they have nobody with adequate ability to take the place of either one of these stars. It would be a great help to us if they lose either one or both of them on fouls. Neither one of them, though, is in the habit of fouling out."

It will be the final game of the regular season for the Cardinals, who have had a most surprising season of 20 wins and five defeats. Besides Seton Hall, their losses were to Manhattan, Xavier, Notre Dame and Eastern. All the setbacks have been away from home.

Tonight's classic also will be a one-sixth preview of the National Invitation Tournament that is to be held in Madison Square Garden March 7-14. Both Louisville and Seton Hall have been selected to play in this New York event.

Could Draw 12,000

The game here has been sold out for two weeks. If they had a place big enough to play in, the teams probably would draw 12,000 or more. The demand for tickets has been unprecedented for a U. of L. game.

Hickman says he will start his usual lineup of high-scoring and high-talented Chuck Noble; Phil Rollins; the clever freshman, Corky Cox; Vlad Gastevich and Chet Beam.

Game on TV

The Louisville-Seton Hall basketball game here tonight will be televised by WAVE-TV, with proceeds from the telecast being donated to The Courier-Journal's Fresh Air Fund.

The telecast is the result of an arrangement made by Courier-Journal Sports Editor Earl Ruby with Oscar and Leo Seltzer, holders of the Armory lease.

Sponsors of the program will be Economy Tire & Rubber Company and Tafel Electric Company, who purchased the television rights for $600. It was announced by George Patterson, WAVE-TV program director. This sum will be donated to the fund by the University of Louisville and the Armory.

It will be radiocast by two stations—WINN (Jim McIntyre) and WGRC (Don Hill and Jerry Brown).

The game will start 8 p.m.

Globetrotters Sign Theatre TV Contract

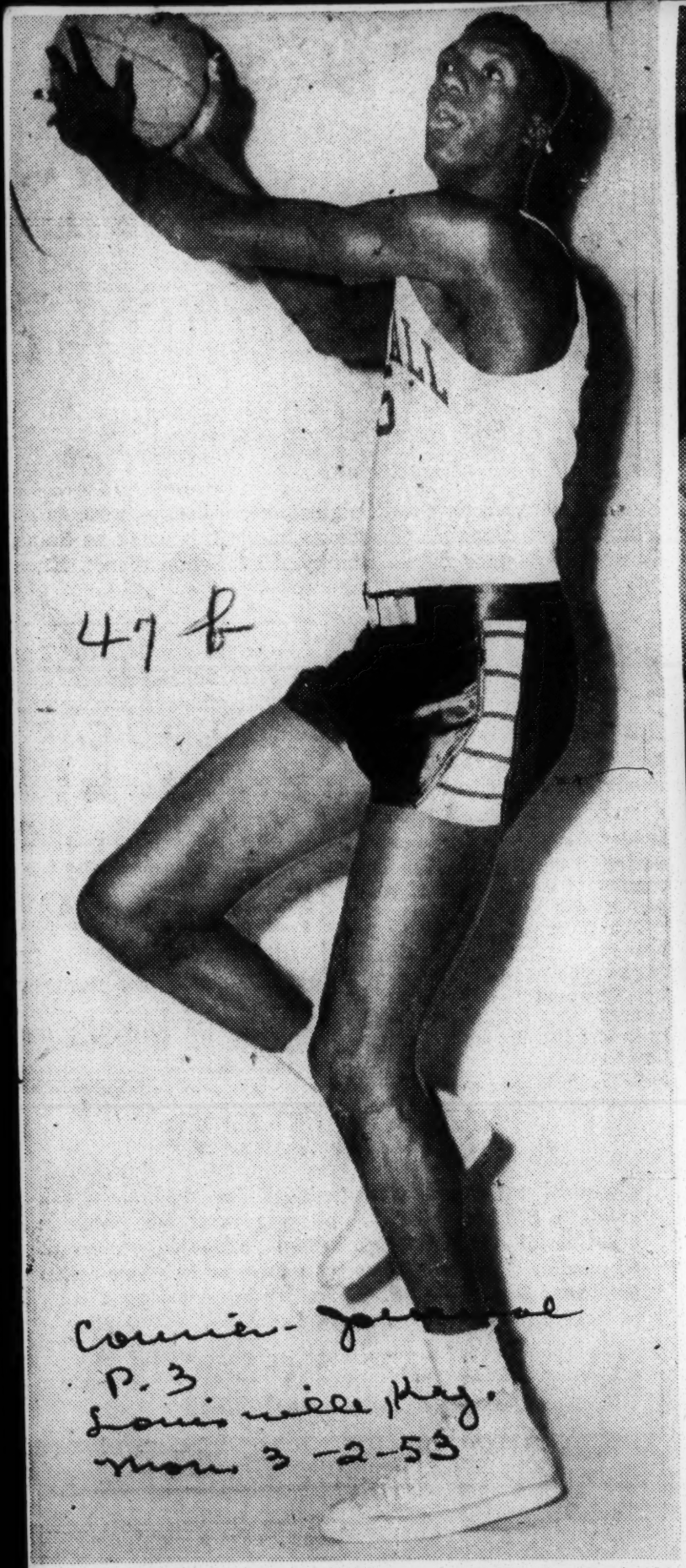
NEW YORK (ANP) — Movie theater fans will have the thrill next winter of seeing the Harlem Globetrotters basketball team on theatre television, probably at no extra cost.

The Trotters along with the Notre Dame football and cage squads signed up last week to play for 110 theaters in 62 cities through Milton N. Mound, president of the newly formed Box Office Television, Inc. The Trotters have played for five years and Notre Dame for six years.

Dates Set

Featured with the Trotters are such men as Walter Dukes, last season's greatest college basketball star (standing 6 feet 11 inches tall), Reece (Goose) Tatum, probably the world's most entertaining cage artist, and Marques Haynes, team captain and basketball's top dribbler.

They will play on a theater-TV hookup on the following dates: Nov. 17 at Newark, N. J., Dec. 14 at Toledo, O., Jan 4, at Chicago, Feb. 24 at Oklahoma City, and Mar. 23 at Grand Rapids, Mich.



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ALL-AMERICAN WALT DUKES PACES SETONIANS

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IN NATIONAL INVITATION TOURNAMENT: The Seton Hall basketball team, seeded first and unbeaten this season with twenty-seven victories, listens to instructions from Coach John D. Russell on strategy to be used in contests that commence on Saturday. Left to right, kneeling: Mickey Hannon, Ronnie Nathanic, Harry Brooks and Charley Travers. In rear: Clarence Bockrath, Bill Hammersley, Walt Dukes, Henry Cooper and Richie Regan.

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Duquesne Knocks Western Out of N.I.T
N.D. Ousts Crippled Eastern From N.C.A

Tucker, Paris, Ky., Helps Dukes Win

By TOMMY FITZGERALD, Courier-Journal Staff Writer

New York, March 10.—The celebrated Hilltoppers from Western Kentucky found three hills they couldn't top here tonight—Duquesne's famed tall, loose-limbed, leaping trio of Jim Tucker of Paris, Ky., Dick Ricketts and Fletcher Johnson.

So they lost to the Dukes 69-61 in the quarter-finals of the National Invitation Basketball Tournament.

Slow-starting Seton Hall justified its top seeding in the tournament by staging a second half rally to overcome scrappy, unheralded Niagara, 79-74.

By winning their first tournament start, Seton Hall advanced to the semi-final where it will meet fourth-seeded Manhattan Thursday night. Duquesne will face another unseeded team, St. Johns of Brooklyn, in the other semi-final.

Defensively, the third-seeded Hilltoppers, who received a first-round bye, did very well indeed in holding the Dukes to 69 points. But, offensively, they weren't as sharp as they have been on occasions, especially in the second half.

Hit Only 27 Per Cent

They hit for only 27 per cent, making 22 of 81 throws from the field. Duquesne, the dark-horse favorite to win the tournament, scored only one more field goal, getting 23 of 80 flings for 28 per cent.

The Toppers are tall themselves but were unable to equal Duquesne's trio of 6-8 Tucker, 6-7 Ricketts and 6-4 Johnson, who really gets up there for his size, in leaping ability, wiriness and timing.

They fouled the three a lot. They shot 18 of the 23 free throws the Dukes made in 39 trips to the foul line. Western was awarded 30 gift tosses and made 17.

Tucker finally wound up with 20 points, Ricketts with 17 and Johnson with 11—a total of 48 of Duquesne's 69 points.

Fourteen of the other 21 were made by a surprise shooter in the Duke lineup—Al Bailey. The Toppers figured the Dukes had nobody who could hit well from the floor. They tried to clog up the area under the basket to guard against those three leaping lulus—all Negro boys—and Bailey, played a little loose outside, really hurt them.

White Leads Toppers

Western never had the lead. But the Toppers were very much in the ball game until four minutes remained. They trailed only 20-17 at the end of the first quarter, 39-32 at the close of the half and 55-47 at the finish of the third period.

They were only four points in arrears with six to go. Then the Dukes sprinted in the next two minutes for seven points to gain an 11-point lead and an insuperable one for the Toppers.

Tom Marshall not only grabbed the most defensive rebounds for Western—a total of 13—against the leaping enemy, but he collected 14 points and was headed only by Dick White on his team with 16.

The superb Tucker got 17 rebounds in addition to his 20 points. Johnson nabbed 16 rebounds and Ricketts, out of the game for a good spell, speared 12.

Western Never Ahead

It was a fine first half of intent guarding and vigorous rebounding. The springiness and timing of Duquesne's three leaping hyenas—Tucker, Ricketts and Johnson—appeared to be the difference as Duquesne led at the half 39-32.

Western was never ahead, but was within grasping distance all this half.

With five minutes gone, the Toppers pulled even at 9-9 on two free throws by White, but Bailey dropped in a long to regain the edge for the Dukes.

Twice again in the first quarter, Western, which never trailed by more than four points this period, pulled level—at 15-15 and at 17-17. King had a chance to put Western on top with 20 seconds left in the period, but he missed both shots on a one-and-one foul.

With five seconds left in the quarter, Ricketts, fouled on a jump goal by Greer, made the free throw, too, to give the Dukes their three-point margin going into the second quarter. They stayed in front from two to six during the second period.

Can't Close Gap

Bailey put the Dukes into an eikht-point lead with a free right at the start of the third whirl, but Western played them even the rest of the period. I fact, six points in a row by Spoelstra cut the Duquense edge to four points at 42-38.

Then Tucker and Ricketts pulled the Dukes into a seven-point lead again. Twice again, Western whittled the difference to four and it was four, at 51-47, near the end of the third.

Western stayed close the first four minutes of the last period. With six to go, it was 58-54.

Then in the next two minutes, the Dukes scored seven straight points while Western was failing to get any to salt the game away.

Tucker got a free, Bailey a lay-up, Johnson one of two frees, and Tucker a tip-in on Johnson's missed second throw. Tucker followed with a free and now the Dukes were 11 points in front, at 65-54. Just four minutes remained.

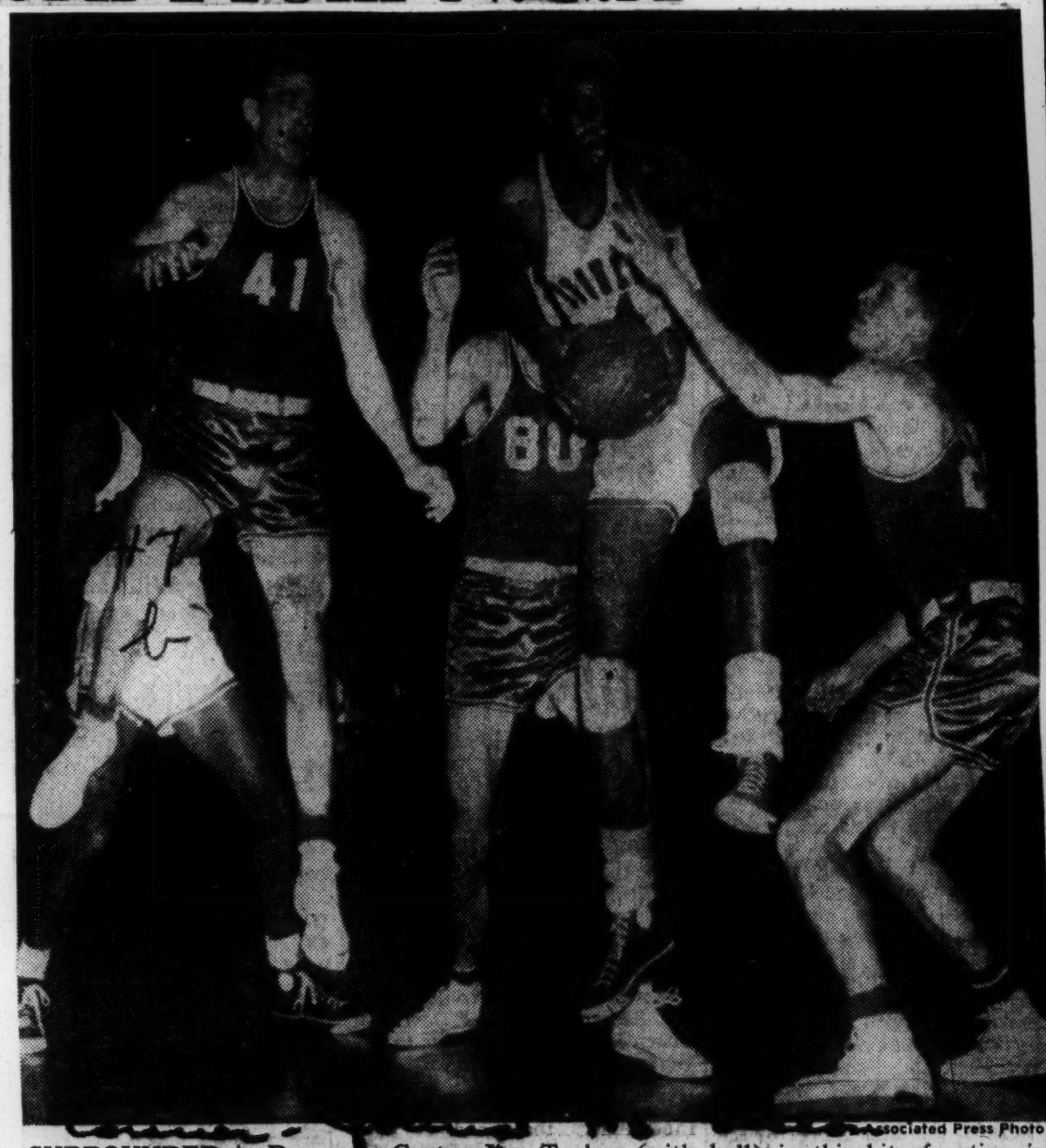
Dukes Lose Ricketts

With 2:05 to go, the Dukes lost big Ricketts on fouls. Whitsell made both frees and Western trailed by only seven.

The Dukes, trying to keep possession, lost the ball on walking and White came up and was fouled with 1:20 left. He hurt his thumb and then proceeded to miss both free throws.

Bailey sneaked in for a crip with 35 seconds to go.

Vest struck back with a goal. Only 11 seconds remained now and the Dukes were on top 68-61. Bailey made a free just before



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SURROUNDED is Duquesne Center Jim Tucker (with ball) in this bit of action in the Western Kentucky-Duquesne game in the National Invitation Tournament in New York's Madison Square Garden last night. Kentuckians around him are Tom Marshall (41), Art Spoelstra (80) and Lynn Cole. Duquesne won 69-61.

the game ended.

Western (61)				(69) Duquesne			
Player	fg.	ft.	pf.	Player	fg.	ft.	pf.
Marshall f	5	4	4	Ricketts f	5	7	5
King f	3	4	4	Johnson f	3	5	2
Whitsell f	0	3	0	Schwem'er f	1	0	1
Spoelstra c	5	2	3	Dambrot f	0	0	0
Smith c	0	0	0	Tucker c	7	6	3
White g	6	4	3	Bailey g	5	4	2
Greer g	0	0	5	McLane g	2	1	3
Cole g	2	0	2				
Vest g	1	0	0				
Totals	22	17	21	Totals	23	23	16

Western Kentucky	17	15	15	14	61
Duquesne	20	19	16	14	69

Free throws missed: Western Kentucky—Marshall 2, King 2, Spoelstra 2, Smith 2, White 5. Duquesne—Ricketts 2, Johnson 4, Tucker 5, Bailey, McLane 2.

LA SALLE COACH AND HIS BOYS: Last year's champions, who are ready for the National Invitation Tournament which gets under way at Madison Square Garden on Saturday. They will go into action on Monday night when they meet the St. John's-St. Louis winner in the second game of a triple-header. Kneeling, left to right, are Norm Grekin, Frank O'Hara and Tom Gola. Rear: Jackie Moore, Eddie Altieri, Coach Ken Loeffler, Fred Iehle and Bill Katheder.

Trotters Sign Walt Dukes At Record $25,000 Figure

By OLLIE STEWART

LONDON — A happy Walter (Walt) Dukes and a grinning Abe Saperstein stepped off a Pan American Airways Clipper Tuesday morning and immediately repaired to the Hotel Cumberland, this city's leading hostelry, where they were joined by other members of the Harlem Globetrotters basketball team, already on a tour of Europe.

Walt Dukes

Dukes, signed for an estimated $25,000, plus a quick $3,000 bonus, beamed as he answered the AFRO query: "Do I like it? I think its the swellest thing that could happen to a guy!"

He had reference, of course, to the Monday meeting in downtown New York, at which he and Saperstein, owner of the Trotters, came to terms calling for two years of play with the world's best known professional cage team.

"Abe has been great. It's great to join his troupe. I wanted to play in the league (National Basketball Association), but the pay here is so much better I really had no choice. I only hope I can do as much for the club as it has done for me."

Dukes, star of the Seton Hall University five the past three years, had been drafted by the New York Knickerbockers to play in the pro league in the United States. However, it is believed Ned Irish, president and general manager of the Knicks, was as much as $7,000 under the Globetrotter offer in the matter of salary.

Saperstein appeared as happy as, if not more so than, the player. "He will help us tremendously," declared the diminutive promotor-genius. "Wait is an exceptionaly ball-handler, which is something in which we specialize, plus he's an uncanny shot.

"The boys will be as glad to have him as I am. They urged me all winter to pick him up, and I was left with no alternative. The result is we're paying him a record salary for a newcomer. The guess you people are making is pretty close, but that's as far as I can go in confirming it. To be specific isn't good business. nor is it good for morale, although I don't expect any trouble on that score. All the Trotters are well paid."

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Morehouse Plays Morris Brown, Tuskegee Quints This Weekend

Maroon Tigers Seek To Improve Record In SIAC Competition

BY MARION E. JACKSON

The Morehouse Maroon Tigers play a two-game setto this weekend beginning with Morris Brown on Friday night and climaxing against the Tuskegee Institute Golden Tigers.

Both games will be played in the college gymnasium with game time set for 8 p. m. The games will be important to the Maroon overal standing in Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference competition. Today the Maroons have a 7-5 SIAC record. A double win this weekend will virtually assure them a tournament berth.

If the Maroon Tigers are to go on and win this season the feat will be achieved without any additional personnel. Basketball Coach Frank Forbes reported Wednesday that no additional changes will be made in the team lineup. This means that Moses May will not be back in fold and Wiley Jackson has completed his intercollegiate eligibility.

High hopes had been held that Moses May would return to the Red Hill. He was an offensive and defensive stalwart as a freshman for the Maroons and could have cinched at least a half dozen more wins.

Apparently, Wiley Jackson will not again officially wear the Tigers' colors although no official announcement has been made as to why. He was one of the school's most effective scorer and would have winded up his college play during the present campaign.

While Morehouse has a 7-5 SIAC mark the overall win-loss stands at 7-6. Two of these defeats were in New Orleans during a series with Dillard and Xavier. Other conference stalwarts chasing the Tigers were Alabama A and M, Fisk, Morris Brown and Florida A and M.

Morehouse upped its victory count Tuesday night by throttling Allen University 80-56. Other wins have been notched over Alabama A and M, Clark, Fisk, South Carolina State, Alabama State and Fort Valley State.

If Morehouse personnel remains intact then groomed for action against Morris Brown Friday night are Clifford Jackson, Ronald Weaver, Bob Jones, George Ross and Donald Thomas.

The Maroon supporting cast has such headliners as Ronald Johnson, Donald Richardson, David Saunders, Robert Alexander, Ronald Mimms, John Simmons and Don Clendon.

If Morehouse College is on the upgrade then take a look at what the Morris Brown Wolverines have been doing for Coach William T. Green. The MBC cagers extended Xavier U. 56-55 and coasted past Allen U. 76-56.

Coach Green will be counting on George Williams, Arlester Russ, "Bill" Hannan, Eugene Robinson, Euris Preston, Leroy Lewis, William Fields, Algene McKahand, Walter Atkins, Joe Barlett, George Thompson, Lee Welch, Ray Hinton and Robert Myles.

Seton Hall Five In Twin Bill at Garden Tonight

Only Unbeaten Major Team Opposes St. Bonaventure; St. John's Plays Manhattan

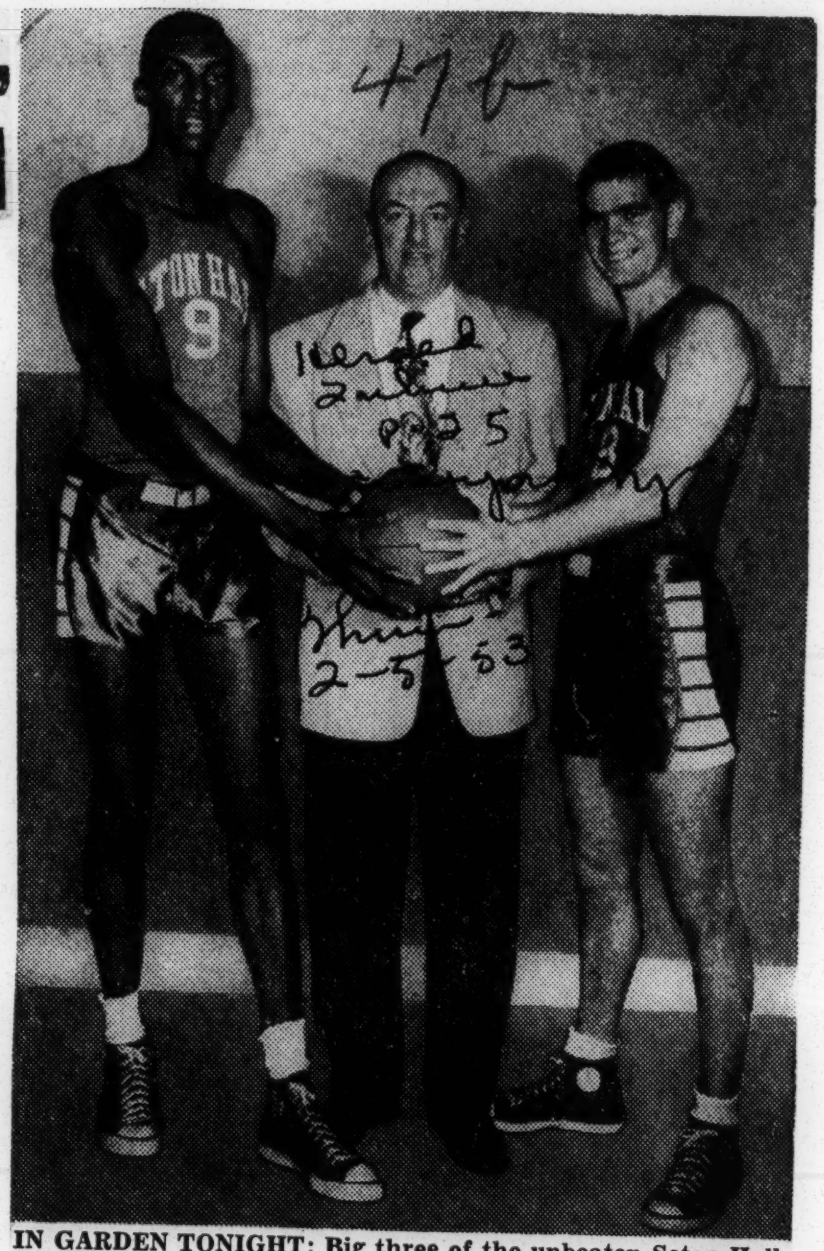
One of the season's most attractive basketball double-headers—one game involving the nation's last remaining undefeated major team, the other a brawl in the mythical Metropolitan championship series—is on tap at Madison Square Garden tonight.

Seton Hall, conqueror of all twenty-one of the opponents it has met, will meet tough St. Bonaventure in the opening game, beginning at 7:45 p. m. and then St. John's, surprise victor over Fordham, will tangle with Manhattan in the finale. Report has it that enough interest has been stimulated in this one to assure a good crowd.

Although the Bonnies come here with a record of eight and six, they can be tough. But whether they are tough enough to handle 6-foot 11-inch Walt Dukes is a moot question. Their big man is Bill Edwards, 6-5. Their big scorer is Bill Kenville, out of Elmhurst, L. I. Ed Melvin, the Bonnies' coach, declares that Edwards is his chief hope to stop Dukes (something no team has been able to do this season). Although he will concede half a foot to the Setonian, Edwards is a strong defensive player. He held Duquesne's Dick Ricketts to two field goals last week end.

Seton Hall has been strengthened a little since its last Garden appearance. It has added Ernie Ring, a sophomore, who has just been declared eligible. Ring scored 16 points in his debut, against Villanova.

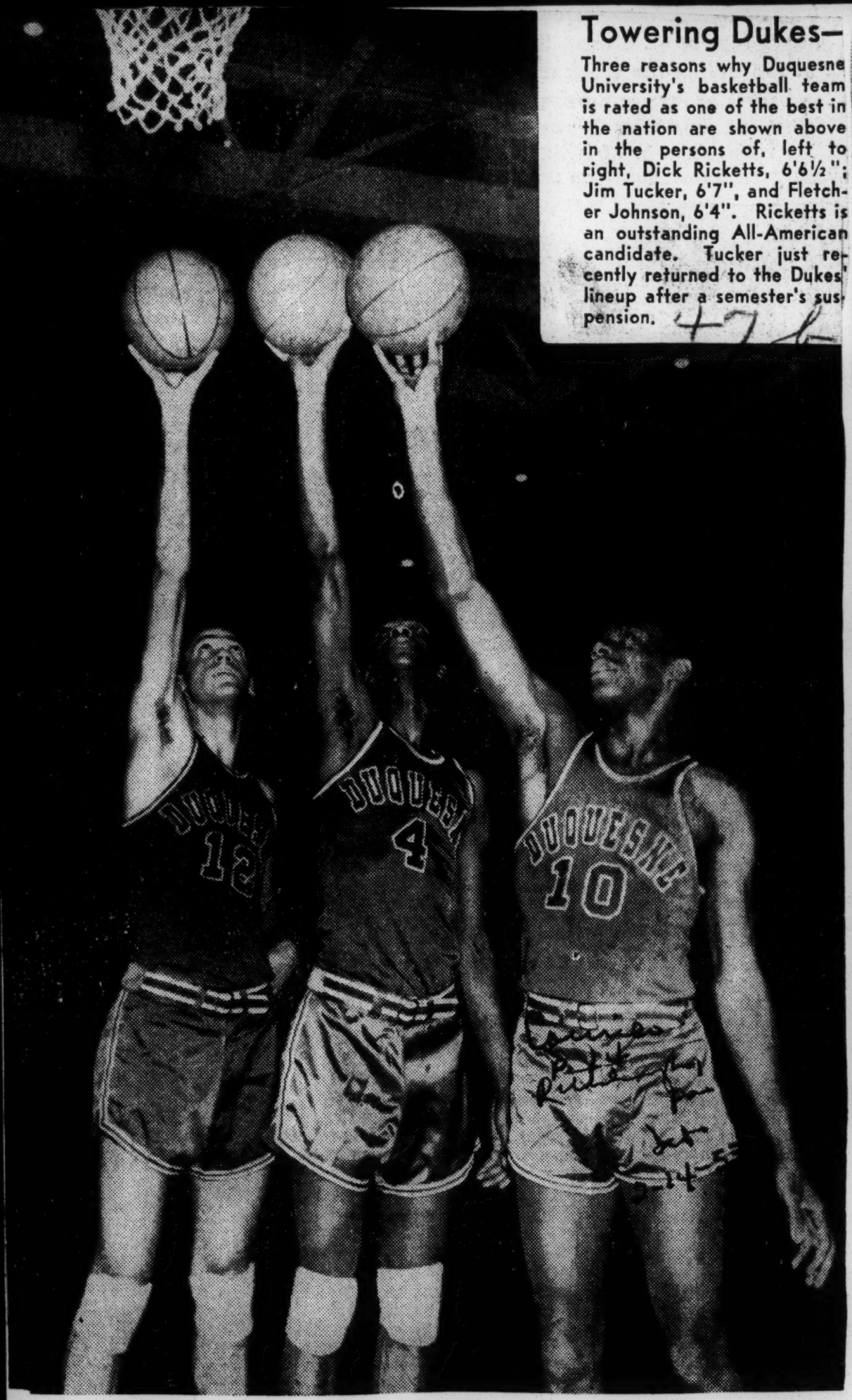
In the nightcap, Manhattan comes up to St. John's with a better over-all record (12-2 to 9-4) but the Johnnies have been moving at a fast clip lately, as their triumph over Fordham would indicate. They have won their last six in a row. They will also have an addition to their squad. Bill Rasmussin, a 5-foot, 11-inch back court man, is now eligible and is likely to see some action tonight.



IN GARDEN TONIGHT: Big three of the unbeaten Seton Hall (21-0) team which meets St. Bonaventure in Garden tonight. Left to right: Walt Dukes, 6-11 center; coach Honey Russell, coach of East team in Herald Tribune Fresh Air Fund game, and Richie Regan, playmaker. Dukes has scored 566 points

Towering Dukes—

Three reasons why Duquesne University's basketball team is rated as one of the best in the nation are shown above in the persons of, left to right, Dick Ricketts, 6'6½"; Jim Tucker, 6'7", and Fletcher Johnson, 6'4". Ricketts is an outstanding All-American candidate. Tucker just recently returned to the Dukes' lineup after a semester's suspension.



BIG DOUGH FOR BIG MAN—Seven-footer Walter Dukes became one of the highest paid basketball players in the history of the game last week when he signed a three-year contract with the Harlem Globetrotters for $75,000. The former Seton Hall ace joined the Trotters in London where he'll play with them during their European tour. Dukes is shown arriving at London Airport from New York accompanied by stewardess Lepnora Briers.—European Photo.

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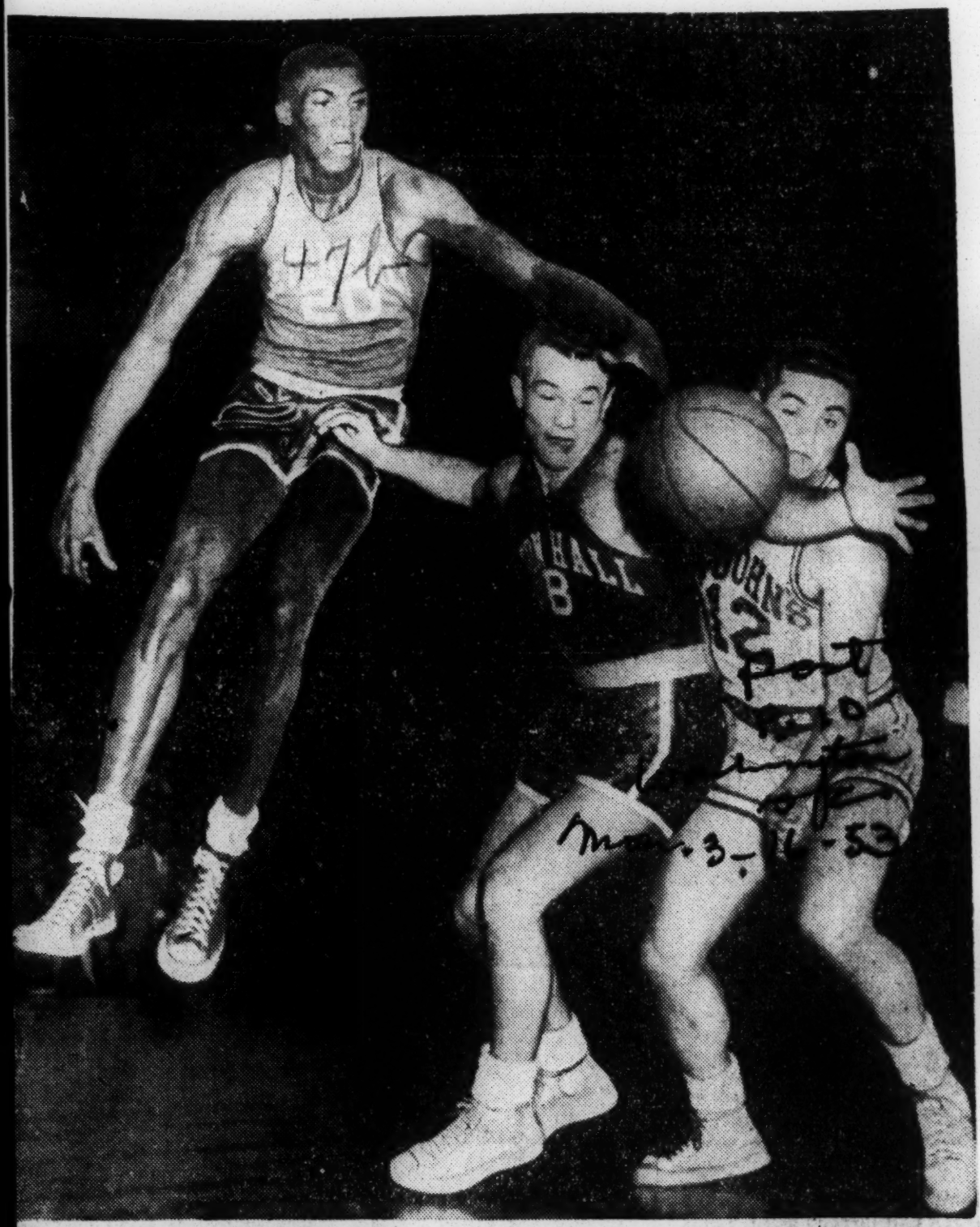
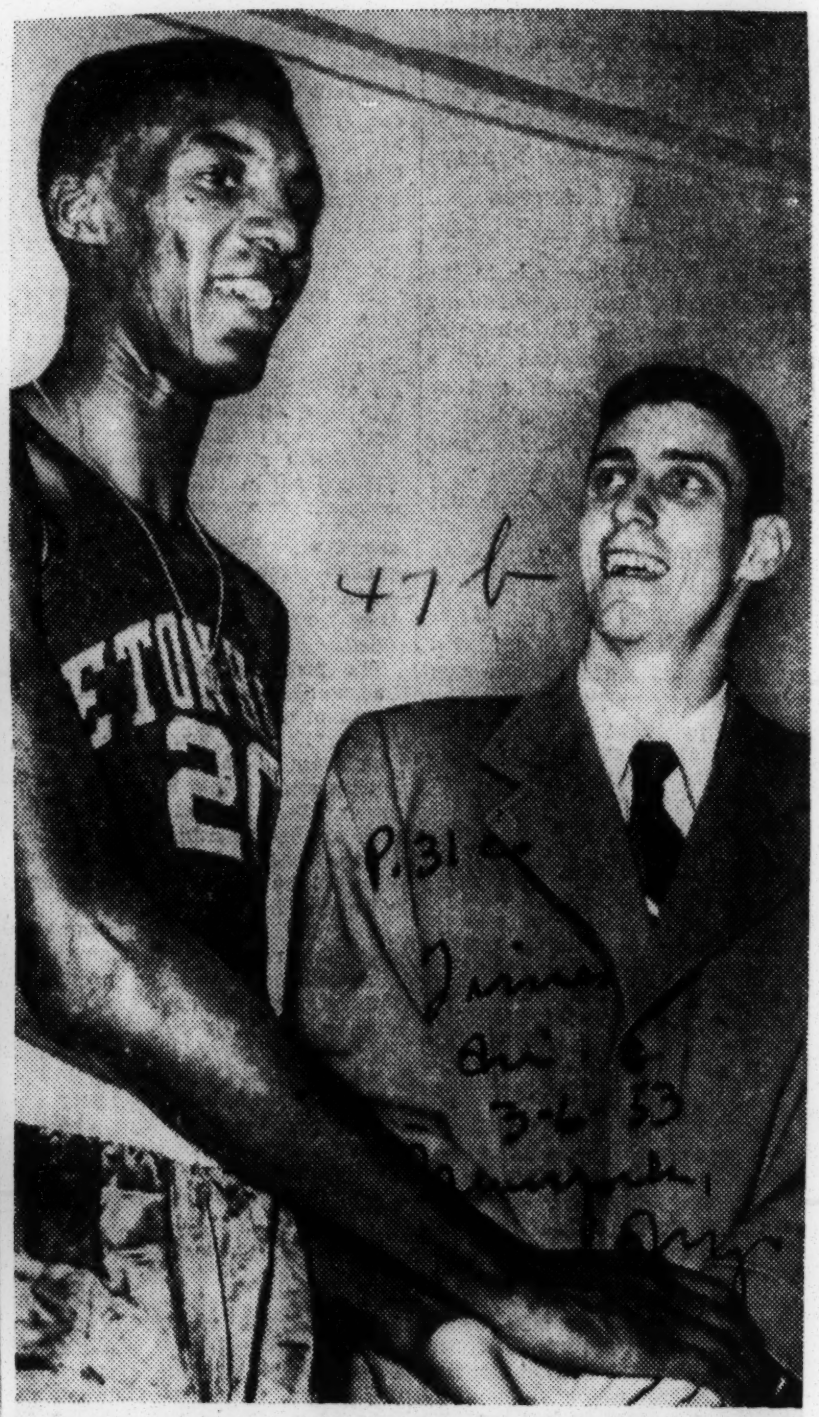


DUKES TAKES OFF—Seton Hall's All-American Wally Dukes (20) leaps into the air and helps teammate Harry Brooks (8) take the ball from St. John's Frank Ciancontieri in the final game of the National Invitation Tournament in New York. Seton Hall won the game and title, 58-46. Six-foot, 11-inch Dukes scored 21 points and was voted the Tournament's outstanding player.

By Bob Burchette—The Washington Post



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TOP COLLEGIATE STARS: Walt Dukes, left, of Seton Hall and Clarence (Bevo) Francis of Rio Grande as they met in Cleveland Wednesday. Dukes scored 27 points against John Carroll and Francis tallied 54 on Wilberforce.

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PLAN PIRATES' STRATEGY—CLEVELAND, March 3—Coach Honey Russell (R) and center Walt Dukes plan Seton Hall basketball strategy for Wednesday night's game with John Carroll here. The Pirates, after winning 27 in a row, have lost their last two games to Dayton and Louisville. In the latter game, several of the Pirates were bruised a bit in a free-for-all following the final whistle.

ALL THAT AND FUN, TOO—Mrs. Elizabeth Lee Green, of Rochester, N.Y., looks on approvingly as her son, Walt Dukes (center) smiles satisfaction over the receipt of 3,000 silver dollars presented him by Abe Saperstein. Dukes, All-American basketball player from Seton Hall University, was paid the money as a bonus for signing to perform professionally with the Harlem Globetrotters, owned by Saperstein. Dukes reportedly signed for $25,000 a year on a two-year optional contract. "Gee," the 6-foot, 11-inch star ejaculated, "all that and fun, too!"

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State of Michigan Has Bumper Crop of Top Beige Cage Stars

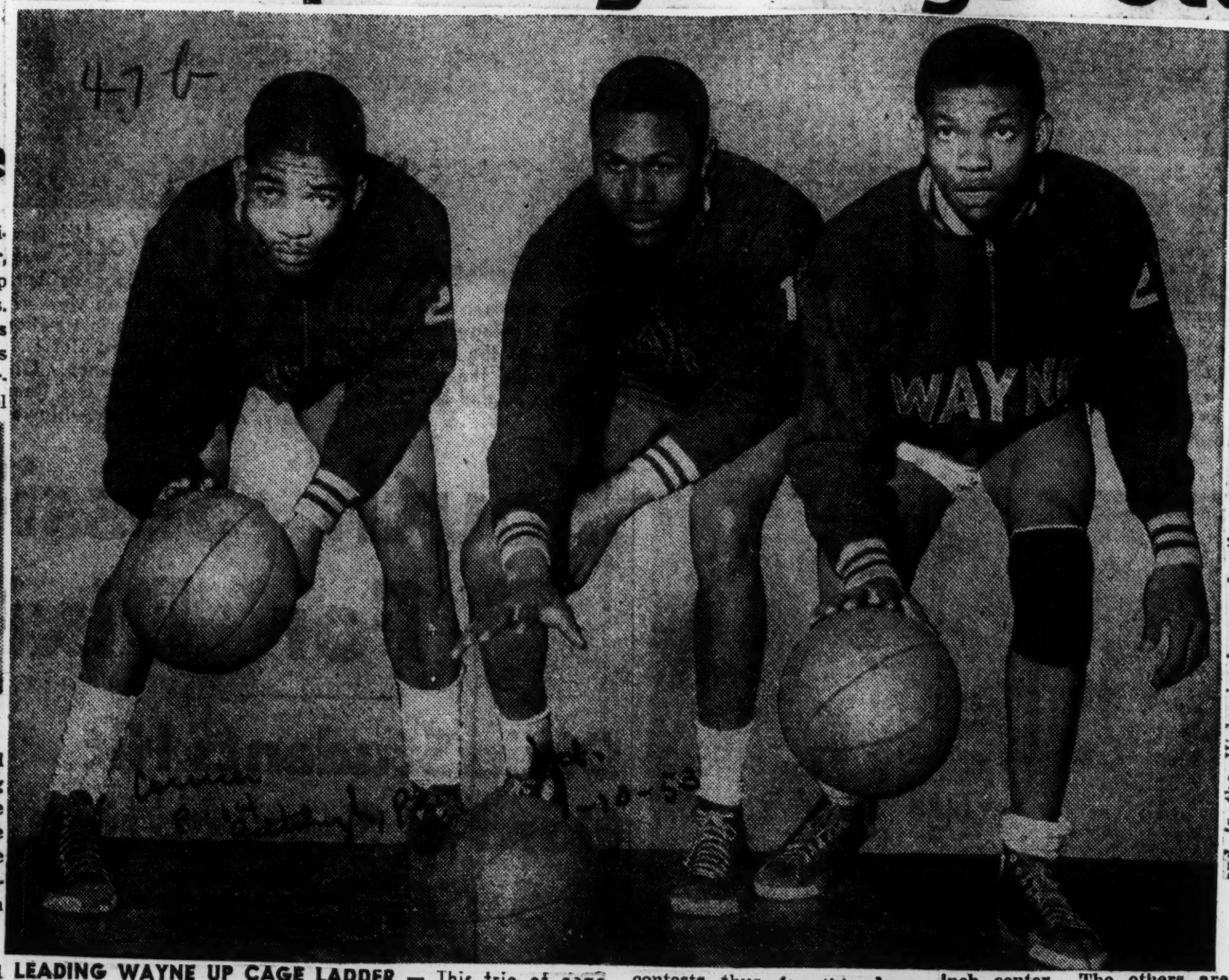
Four Tan Starters On Wayne

By WILL ROBINSON

DETROIT—The State of Michigan, and Detroit in particular, has come up with a bumper crop of talented tan collegiate cagers. Five of the six leading colleges have one or more on their rosters for the 1952-'53 season. University of Detroit, the only school minus a beige boy, hopes to land one the second semester starting the latter part of January. The five colleges that already have them in their line-ups are Wayne University, Lawrence Tech, University of Michigan, Michigan State and Michigan Normal.

DEAN ... *Wayne*

KILLEN ... *Wayne*



LEADING WAYNE UP CAGE LADDER — This trio of cage stars, who are known as the "'Big Three" at Wayne University in Detroit, Mich., were the big guns as the Tartars downed Duquesne to win the Motor City Tournament last week. Left to right: Ernie Wagner, Charley Primas and John Kline.

WAYNE, COACHED by Joel Mason, tops the list with seven of fourteen players on the varsity. Four Johnny Kline, Charley Primas, Ernie Wagner and Paul Dean, are starters. The others are Gerald Hutchins and Bob Boyce, sixth and seventh men on the team, and Byron Hurd. Kline, Primas and Wagner are commonly referred to as the Tartars' "Big Three." This junior combination scored 1,099 of Wayne's 1,713 points as sophomores last year when the team rolled to a fine 19 and 6 record. best in the school's history. The Tartars are unbeaten in seven contests thus far this season, which includes a two-game sweep of the Motor City tournament when they trounced St. Mary of California and Duquesne of Pittsburgh for the championship.

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LAWRENCE TECH, with four, is powered by Werner Killen, lanky six-foot, eight-inch center. The others are Jim Westbrook, also a starter; Farrand Page and Dave Sterrett. The Blue Devils have a four and one record thus far mainly because of Killen's accurate shooting. A sophomore, he has averaged 29 points in the five games, with 39, his best output, coming against highly regarded Bowling Green whom Tech beat, 99-73. Coach Walter Maconochie thinks he is as good a center as can be found in college ball.

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DON EADDY and John Codwell are both regulars for University of Michigan in the Big Ten Conference. Eaddy, a guard standing barely five-eleven in these days of skyscraper cagers, was the Western Conference's top freshman player last year, and is the Wolverines' second leading scorer this season, despite his lack of size, with 83 points amassed in the six games played. Codwell, a rangy forward, who comes from Houston, Tex., fits in well with new Wolverine mentor Bill Perigo's fast break style of offense. Fine play is Codwell's long suit.

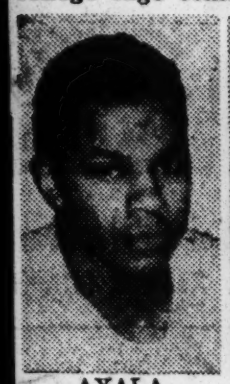
Michigan Normal depends upon Webster Kirksey and Cleon Gilliam. In Normal's last game before the Christmas vacation, Kirksey, who reaches only five-eight, broke the school and Interstate Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's record for scoring in a single game by clicking for 46 points as the Hurons downed Illinois Normal 102-99. He hit for 22 baskets and two free throws. The game was tied at 91-all before the overtime period. Kerksey also was the team's leading scorer as a freshman last year, and his coach, Bill

Crouch, claims he is the best shot in college basketball.

EADDY ... *Michigan*

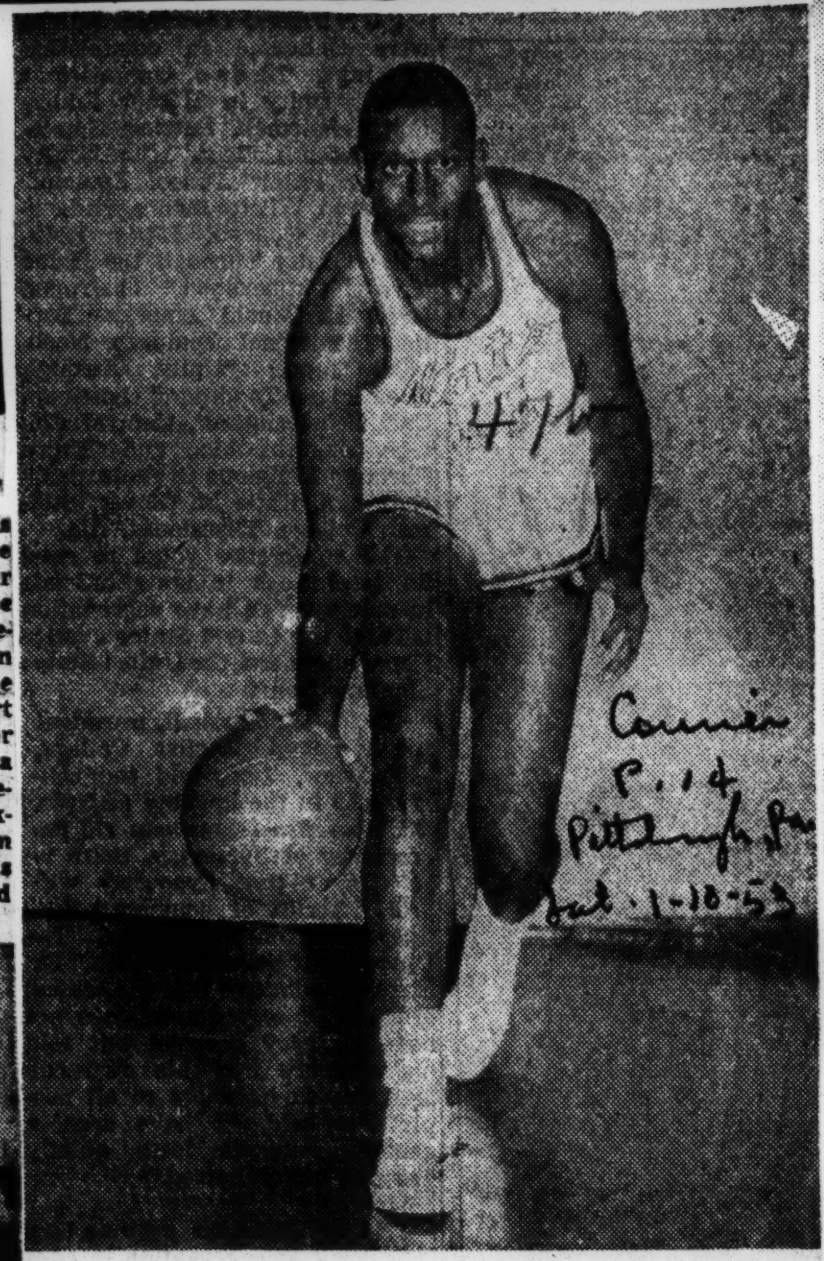
CODWELL ... *Michigan*

In Rickey Ayala, who hails from Brooklyn, Michigan State has perhaps the smallest player as a regular on a major college quint. Ayala stretches to five-five. However, what he lacks in size, Coach Pete Newell says he more than makes up for in court savvy. A sparkling ball-handler and dribbler. Ayala gained a berth on the Spartans' five because of his excellent play-making. He was outstanding in State's big upset win over Kansas State, the nation's second-ranked college cage combine.

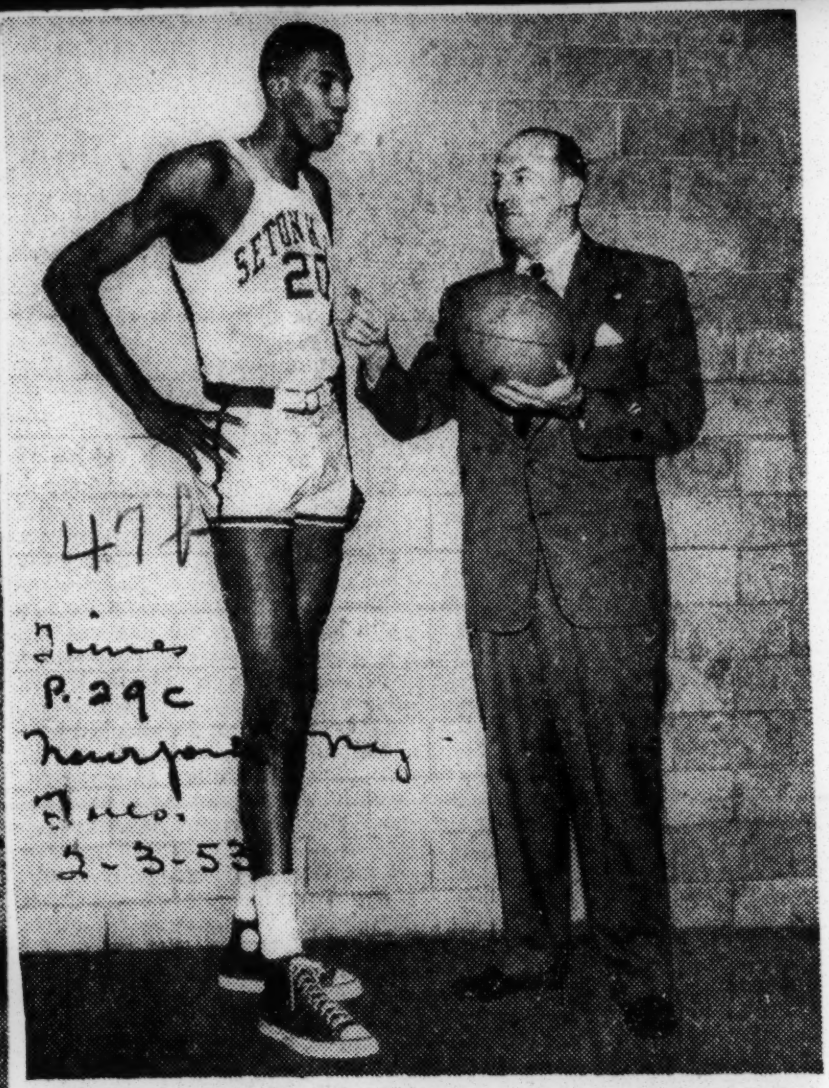


AYALA ... *Mich. State*

KIRKSEY ... *M. Normal*



New Pro—Earl Lloyd, a West Virginia State star of a few years back, is now out of the Army and is playing in commendable fashion with the Syracuse Nationals of the National Basketball Association. Aged 24, six feet, six inches and weighing 215 pounds, writers around the pro circuit predict a great future for him. Before being inducted into the Army, Lloyd played with the Washington's Capitols.



COACH HONORED: John (Honey) Russell with Walt Dukes, star of his unbeaten Seton Hall College basketball team. Russell was named to coach the East squad in seventh annual Fresh Air Fund East-West College All-Star game at Garden March 28.

Walter Dukes Still Pacing Cage Scorers

NEW YORK — (ANP) —The great Walter Dukes of Seton Hall is the nations leading scorer, according to the latest statistics released last week by the NCAA service bureau.

Dukes, the 6-foot, 11-inch tall center, has averaged 27.8 points per game as he has tallied 501 points in 18 games. He has sunk 155 field goals and dropped in 191 free throws to lead the nation in both departments.

His great play has helped Seton Hall to remain the nation's only unbeaten major college basketball team. As a result of 19 straight victories, Seton Hall is ranked in all polls as the nation's No. 1 collegiate five.

Dukes hit for 25 points Thursday night as the Seton Hall five scored its 19th straight victory by whipping Memphis State 103 to 85. This was the first time this season that Seton Hall has scored more than 100 points.

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FIVE TESTS LISTED FOR EASTERN LOOP

Penn Meets Elis Twice, Lions Face Harvard, Cornell Plays Crimson and Dartmouth

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IRISH TO OPPOSE N. Y. U.

Notre Dame Five, in Annual Visit Here, Will Compete at Garden Tuesday

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The start of full-scale competition in the Eastern Intercollegiate League and Notre Dame's annual visit to these parts are among the chief items of interest in a heavy college basketball program this week. Two Madison Square Garden double-headers top the local schedule.

Five Eastern League contests are listed, with the spotlight on Pennsylvania and Columbia, designated by the circuit's coaches in a pre-season poll as the leading contenders for the title won last year by Princeton.

Pennsylvania will oppose Yale twice, at New Haven on Tuesday and at the Palestra in Philadelphia on Saturday. Columbia will meet Harvard at home on Wednesday. Cornell will play at Harvard on Friday and at Dartmouth on Saturday.

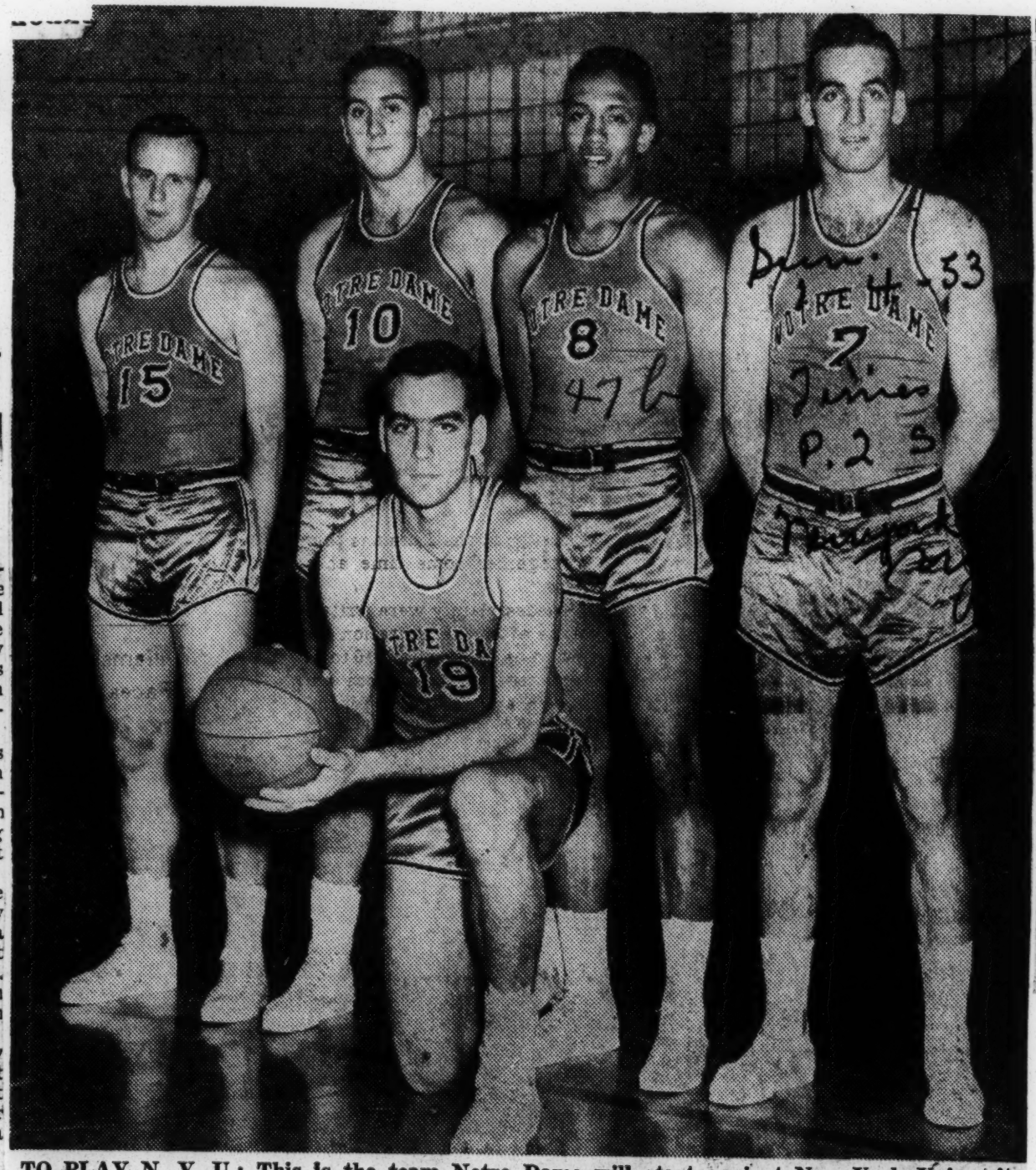
By the end of the week every Eastern League team will have at least one game behind it except Princeton. The Tigers launch their title defense against Pennsylvania a week from Wednesday.

Irish to Meet Holy Cross

Notre Dame, beaten only by Kansas State in eight starts, will tackle Holy Cross in the Boston Garden tomorrow. The next night the Irish come here for their nineteenth Madison Square Garden game with New York University.

The N. Y. U.-Notre Dame clash, presented as a single attraction for several years, will be preceded by a contest between Iona and King's College of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Manhattan and St. John's will be the home teams in Saturday's Garden double-header. The Jaspers will oppose St. Joseph's of Philadelphia, while the Redmen will meet Lovola University of Chicago.



TO PLAY N. Y. U.: This is the team Notre Dame will start against New York University Tuesday at the Garden. Left to right, Jack (Junior) Stephens, Captain Norb Lewinski, Dick Rosenthal (kneeling), Joe Bertrand and Jim Gibbons.

Of major local interest also will be the season's only New York appearance of a Navy team that is rated as one of the strongest units in the East. The midshipmen will play Columbia at the Light Blue's gymnasium on Saturday after tackling the Tigers at Princeton the night before.
tinued success.

Early Mistakes Costly

Joe Lapchick's Knicks bagged their tenth victory in eleven games and strengthened their hold on first place in the Eastern Division. It appeared for a time that the Nats would upset the home side. Repeated mistakes were costly to the New Yorkers, but when they needed the points they got them.

First, there was the matter of drawing even. Trailing by 8 points, 71—63, with less than 2 minutes to go, the Knicks clicked for nine straight in exactly 1 minute 15 seconds. Dick McGuire, Carl Braun and Sweetwater Clifton were the big guns that carried Lapchick's team to a 72-71 edge, but with 25 seconds left, Red Rocha caged the foul that tied it. Even then the Knicks had two chances to win in regulation time. Braun's shot, 5 seconds before the buzzer, was short and Dick McGuire's rebound effort rimmed the hoop.

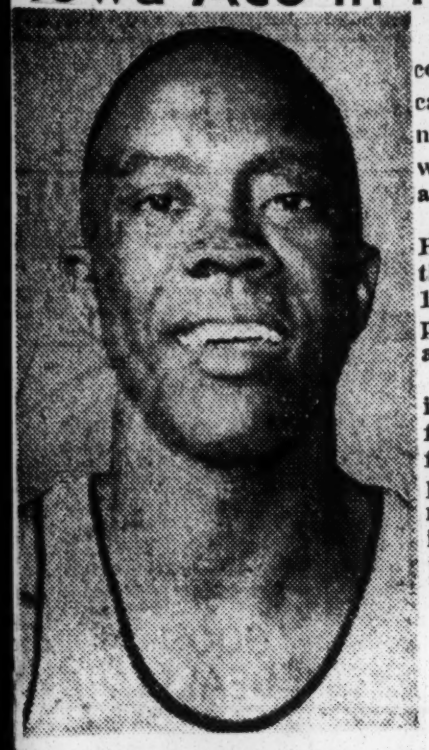
Thus, this wild affair in which fights broke out from time to time—Clifton and Adolph Schayes almost started a riot—went into overtime. And it was then that the Knicks, paying more attention to basketball than to fisticuffs, gained control. New York flubbed two scoring chances in the first minute of the extra five-minute period, but when George King attempted to pass and Clifton intercepted the ball it was the beginning of the end.

Sweets flipped the ball to Dick McGuire, who drove in and counted with a lay-up. He was hacked on the move and added the point for the game's most important 3-point play. Dick McGuire dropped in another foul before Billy Gabor followed suit for Syracuse. Schayes fouled out at 2:20, and with his departure went the last Syracuse chance. Thereafter it was New York all the way, with Clifton continuing to shine.

Two-Point Edge at Half

Syracuse had stellar men in Schayes, King, Paul Seymour and Earl Lloyd, who got the Nats off fast. Twice during the first half the visitors enjoyed 7-point pulls. However, at the intermission, after Ernie Vandeweghe had started to hit, it was New York, 35—33. Later, though, Seymour's one-handers and the fine floor work of King brought Al Cervi's battling forces to an 11-point spread. In the face of seemingly insurmountable odds against the clock, the Knicks managed to prevail. Syracuse, incidentally, missed 20 out of 45 free throws attempts and lost on the foul-line because eight

Iowa Ace in Rare Form

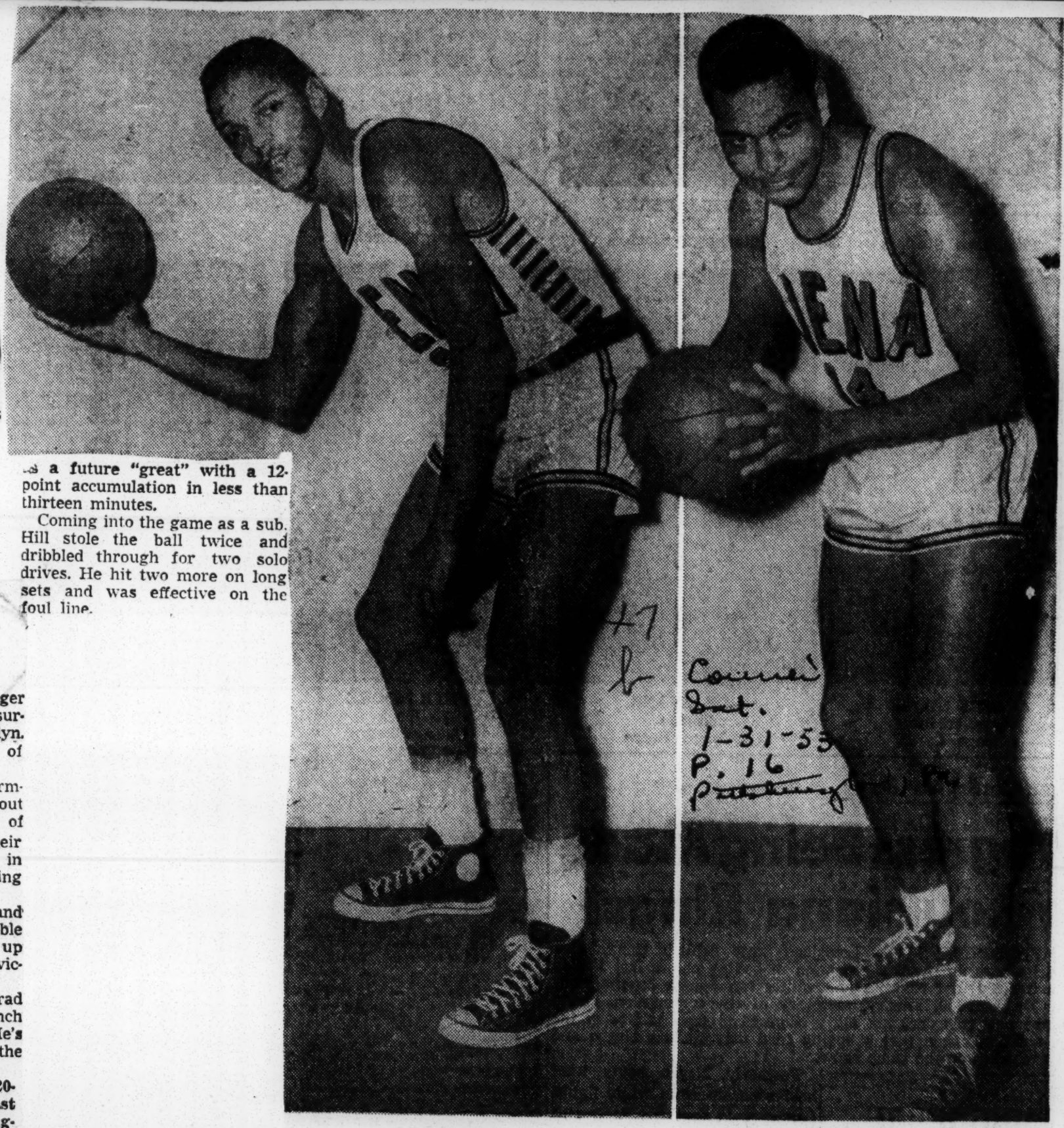


McKINLEY DAVIS
... Iowa Hotshot

IOWA CITY—McKinley (Deacon) Davis, sensational Iowa cager, had the best basketball night of his college career last week when he scored 30 points as Iowa beat Wisconsin, 83-66.

Davis, a sophomore, is the Hawkeyes' leading scorer for their first eight games. He has 144 points, an average of 18 per game, and his shot percentage is .292.

The popular "Deacon," as he is best known to Iowa's cage fans, has a .629 record at the free-throw line. Davis is expected to spark Iowa, which finnished as runner-up to Illinois in the Big Ten race a year ago, past Michigan State at East Lansing on Saturday.



TIM HILL

PHIL LOMAX
... these stars rated high at Siena College

Siena Proud of Two Tan Basketball Aces

LONDONVILLE, N. Y.—If you hear a Siena College cager talk to his mates in French on the basketball court, don't be surprised. It'll be Phil Lomax, the six-foot-five senior from Brooklyn.

Lomax, whose favorite pastime is reading books in French, also is one of those rare collegiate athletes who is a straight "A" student. Among his other non-athletic accomplishments at Siena, is editing the college's magazine.

PHIL, WHO HAS a good one-hand push, backs up Siena's 6 foot 9 Tom Pottenburgh, and in several of the games has been the difference between victory and defeat for the Loudonville Indians.

Lomax's top performance this winter was a seven-point scoring rash that turned the tide against Dartmouth, a club which recently upset Holy Cross. Phil came into the game with the score tied at 41-all. He knocked in two offensive taps and then added a three-point play that broke the back of the Hanover, N. H., Indians.

Phil has been averaging seven points in Siena's first nine games. The Indians have won five, but Siena's Coach Dan Cunha is figuring on Lomax to help Siena's rugged second half of the schedule.

One of Phil's peak performances last year was helping out Pottenburgh in Siena's upset of Seton Hall. The Pirates and their Walter Dukes had arrived in Albany with a ten-game winning streak.

WELL, POTTENBURGH and Lomax proceeded to double team Dukes, and Siena came up with a startling 55-52 upset victory.

Possibly the prize undergrad on Siena's team is a 6 foot 2 inch freshman from Yonkers. He's Tim Hill, lone freshman on the Siena squad.

Hill, New York State 220-yard sprint champion last spring, has been used sparingly so far in order to acclimate himself with Siena's pattern, but Hill came through with his best performances in two of Siena's losses.

In the defeat at St. Bonaventure, Hill drove through the Bonnies' defense for three baskets. Against Canisius at Buffalo recently, Hill was acclaimed a future "great" with a 12-point accumulation in less than thirteen minutes.

Coming into the game as a sub. Hill stole the ball twice and dribbled through for two solo drives. He hit two more on long sets and was effective on the foul line.

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YOUNGSTERS WATCH AN ACE PERFORM: Boys from the South Orange (N. J.) Community House are all eyes as Walter Dukes, high scoring star of undefeated Seton Hall basketball team, demonstrates how he shoots a basket.

Bobby Spence, Boston U. Junior Cage Star, Has New England Fans Raving

By LYDIA T. BROWN

BOSTON — Robert (Bobby) Spence, the six-foot, three-inch all-around athlete from Worcester, Mass., who began in his freshman year, to show the kind of speed and know-how that makes a great basketball player, has been Boston University's standout, a team within himself, in his junior year.

Spence leads the Terriers in every department of scoring, and is also tops with the team's rebounding.

Boston University has had some great basketball players such as Biff Daley, Wally Williams, George Gaudralt and Howie Mitchell in recent years, but from the indications today Spence will outdo them all.

Sparks New Drive

With his long legs, and arm reach, the 190-pound lad from Worcester, has a tremendous spring in his long legs, and uses it to control both boards to advantage. Also equipped with a good jump - push shot, Spence was a steady scorer for Boston University during 1952, but under the new coach, Matt Zunic, who has given him just encouragement, Bobby has come out his shell.

His drive for the baskets has been noticeably different in recent games. Against the much touted Holy Cross team, he was high man with 19 points, and he scored 13 against Northeastern, and, although suffering with an injured knee, he led B.U's squad in rebounding.

In the recent game with Colby College, he took scoring honors with 21 points, and again led the rebounders. Colby, in the northeast, is rated highly in the champion collegiate class as basketballers, and as long as Spence stayed in the game, the Boston Terriers, could control the White Mules.

Spence went out in the fourth period when Colby led 54 to 51. the game on the Scarlett slipped to a 77 to 68 defeat, their second of the season.

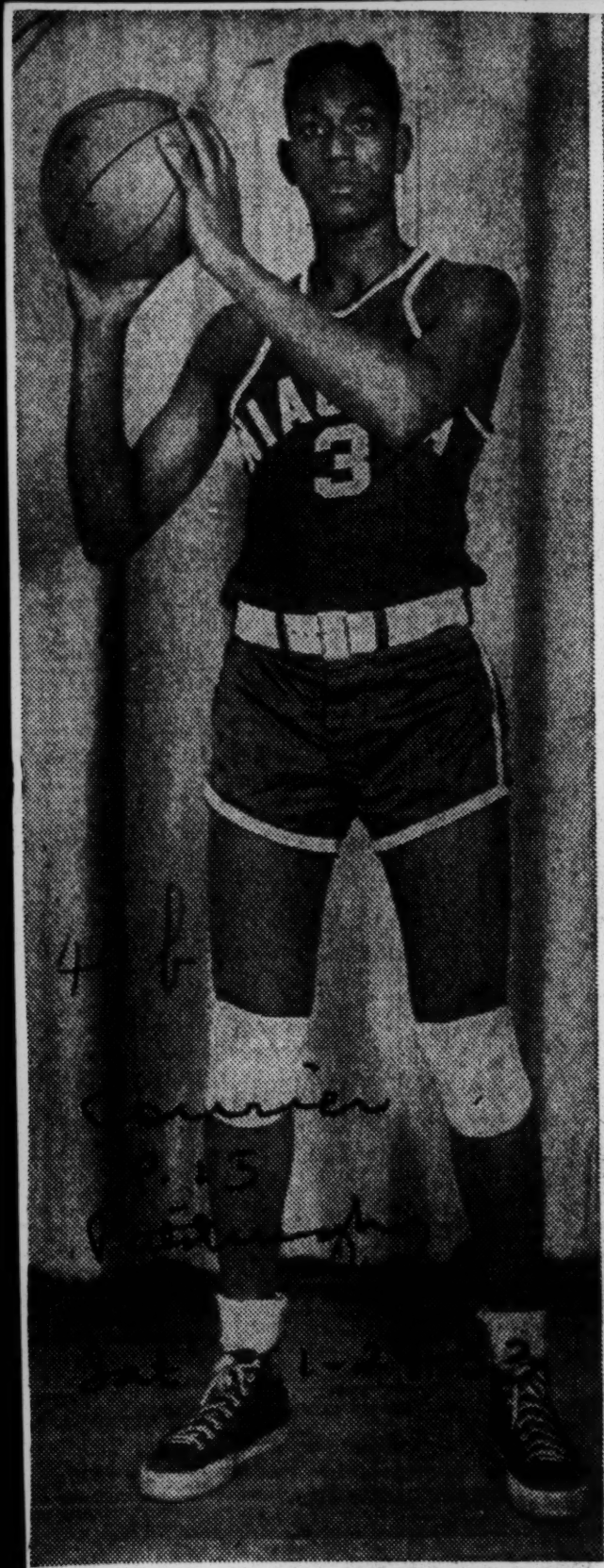
Versatile Athlete

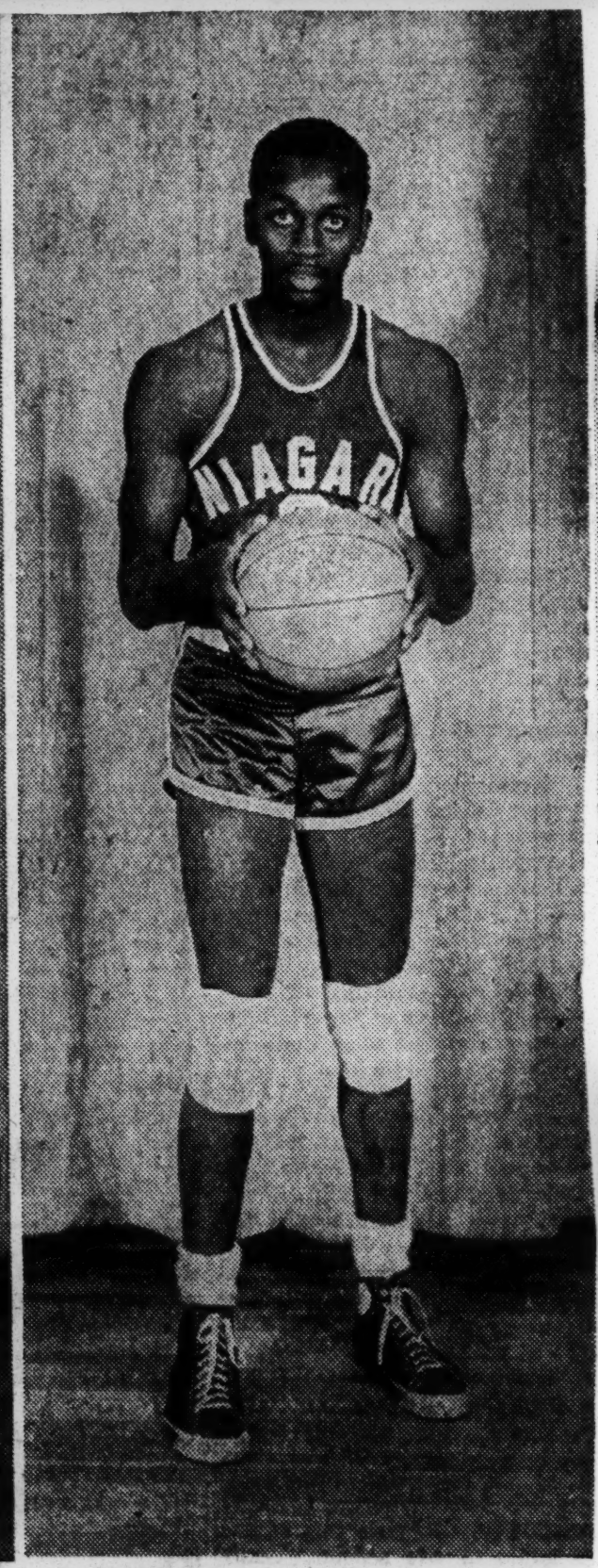
Bobby, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Spence, of Worcester, (their third of four sons known throughout New England for their athletic prowess was also a successful runner on Coach Douglas Raymond's freshman track team, when he joined the medley relay squad, helping his three teammates to win the Eastern Freshman mile and two-mile events.

Spence's versatility is shown by the fact that he was a standout at Worcester's North High School, as a football end, a basketball, volleyball, and soccer player, as well as baseball and track.

Brother Is Star

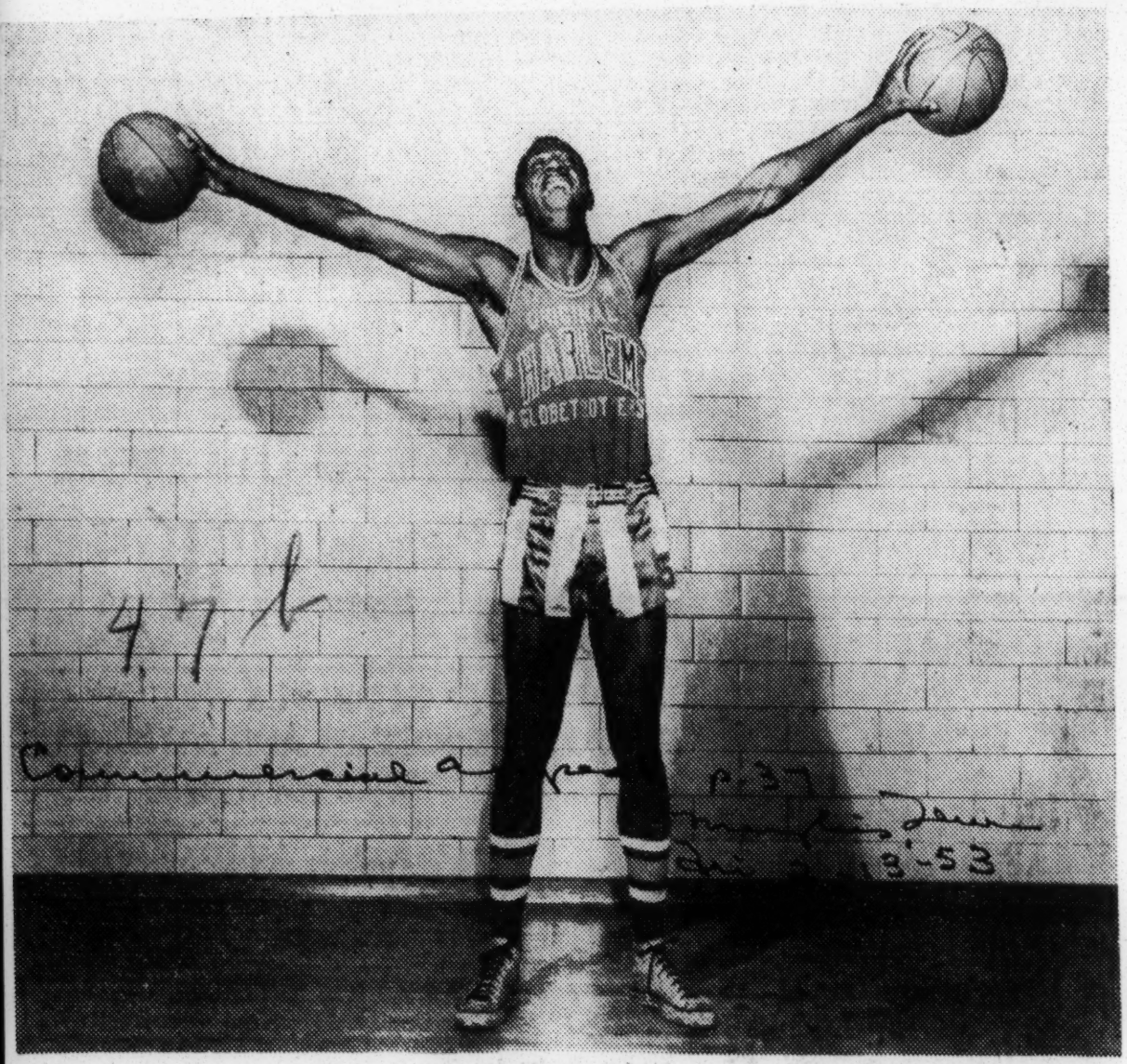
His younger brother, better known as Whimpy Spence, one of Worcester's playground athletic standouts in all sports, last summer did so good as a baseball player that scouts from both the Boston Braves and Cleveland Indians, sought to sign him for contracts as a rookie baseball player, only to find the lad, who is stocky and tall for his age, was but 14 years old.





Niagara Aces—Charlie Hoxie, left, and Ed Fleming are not only the first two tan stars to perform with Niagara University's classy cage team, they are two of the leading performers on the aggregation. Hoxie, who stands 6'4", is the team's second highest scorer, while Fleming, 6'2", is the team's third leading scorer. Hoxie also has the distinction of leading the country in field goal percentage. Both are sophomores.

WILL COACH EASTERN ALL-STARS: Honey Russell (right), who was named yesterday as coach of the Eastern squad in the Herald Tribune's Fresh Air Fund all-star game on March 28 is shown with the ace of his Seton Hall five, Walt Dukes



Goose Tatum

Trotters, From Flivver To Fortune

Fabulous Harlem Cagers Began In A Small-Time, Small-Town Way

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CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Abe Saperstein has a sure-fire title handy should he write a book on the amazing rise of his Harlem Globetrotters to a $2,000,000 sport enterprise.

It would be a switch on the greatest of them all, "From log cabin to White House."

This modern Abe would make it read, "From hayloft to Chicago stadium."

(The Globetrotters will play in Memphis March 8 at the Auditorium. They were here last year and drew the biggest crowd that ever attended a basketball game in Memphis.)

The Trotters didn't start in a hayloft; that was to come later.

The start was made in a flivver that went sputtering to Hinckley, Ill., where Abe and his basketball players cut up their $75 cut of a slim gate.

More than 4,500 games and a 'round-the-world trip later the Trotters are whizzing to engagements via multi-engine planes and the swankiest of streamliners.

Crowds Everywhere

They're also doing better at the gate . . . 75,000 in Berlin, packed house in England, France, the Orient, South America, plus capacity turnouts from New York's Garden to San Francisco's Cow Palace.

All this, via flivver, with way stops at Abe's first office in his mother's home and at such unlikely places as Kamloops and Wood Fibre, B. C., Morning Sun, Iowa, and any number of cow pasture towns through Montana, Idaho and Nevada.

It wasn't always a beat-up flivver that owner - coach - trainer-sometime player-promoter-booker, chauffeur Saperstein rode with his five players.

There were dogsleds in Alaska, a horse and wagon here and there and, eventually, a somewhat respectable bus.

They did manage to get around to the point where the Trotters played as many as three games in a single day. Should exhaustion floor one of the five Trotters—the squad was at a minimum to cut overhead — the round, five-foot-three Abe filled in.

It was to stave off fatigue that the Trotters evolved their formula of getting way out ahead early and then putting on their tricks and comedy which required a minimum of energy.

Unwittingly they were perfecting the crowd-pleasing antics so important to their eventual zoom to top spot in the basketball amusement world.

But it wasn't just high jinks for Abe and company. Such things as blizzards never are. Out in the bleak reaches of Montana the Trotters were stranded for three days in a sheepherder's cabin.

Saperstein's Brainchild Is Now Big Money Enterprise— Here March 8

A matter of hours after a rescue crew brought them out of the drifts the Trotters were doing their stuff in a warehouse turned basketball court.

Toss in a few tornadoes, a couple of flash floods, and games staged in church basements, sheds, stables, town halls, complete with potbellied stoves perilously close to the playing floor; swimming pools that had, fortunately, been drained, and a hayloft or three, and it wasn't all comedy stuff for Abe's troupe.

Sleeping in railway depots, the flivver or the bus, when funds were low or hotel space unavailable, doesn't hit any peak of hilarity, either.

Abe had it even tougher than the players. Somehow, somewhere he had to come up with the so-called ready . . . the green . . . the cash on the barrel head to keep his pet project above the financial waves.

For more than a dozen years he had to dig up a loan to start each season.

In the mid-'30s the Trotters made their Chicago debut . . . and created nary a stir.

An all-star team took on Abe's team at Loyola U gym. The weather turned stormy, the fans turned to other diversions and the Trotters collected a total of five dollars.

In that period—the dark ages as Saperstein looks back—the Trotters kept right on winning. Typical was 1933-34 as day after day, and sometimes two and three times a day, the Harlem crew ground out 152 victories while losing only twice.

Year following year, the Trotters were accustomed to playing an average of 170 games and losing but a half dozen or so.

And quite often, in the tough times, they played before less than a hundred and, once, at Princeton, Minn., there were 18 paid admissions.

But year after year they developed a growing following and a mounting reputation. By 1940 their stature was such that Abe was invited to play in the world championship tourney in Chicago.

When the Trotters shot and clowned to the title they were on their way, headed for the big arenas, the pack-jammed stands and the big money.

Earn $25,000 A Year

The likes of Goose Tatum and Marques Haynes, standouts of an outstanding squad, were to bank $25,000 a year.

The imaginative, daring Saperstein was to branch out into the international basketball field; the Trotters, once a grubby, virtual fly-by-night operation, were to go big time.

And the Trotters, Abe included, were to learn to wince when folks spoke of the good old days. Abe and his boys know THESE are the good old days.

Censor Stops Show

Whites Barred From Appearing Before Negroes

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — (SNS) — White performers were barred yesterday from appearing before a Negro audience when an 86-year-old censor advised the auditorium to bar the scheduled appearance of a white troupe which was to appear with the Harlem Globetrotters and Kansas City Blues.

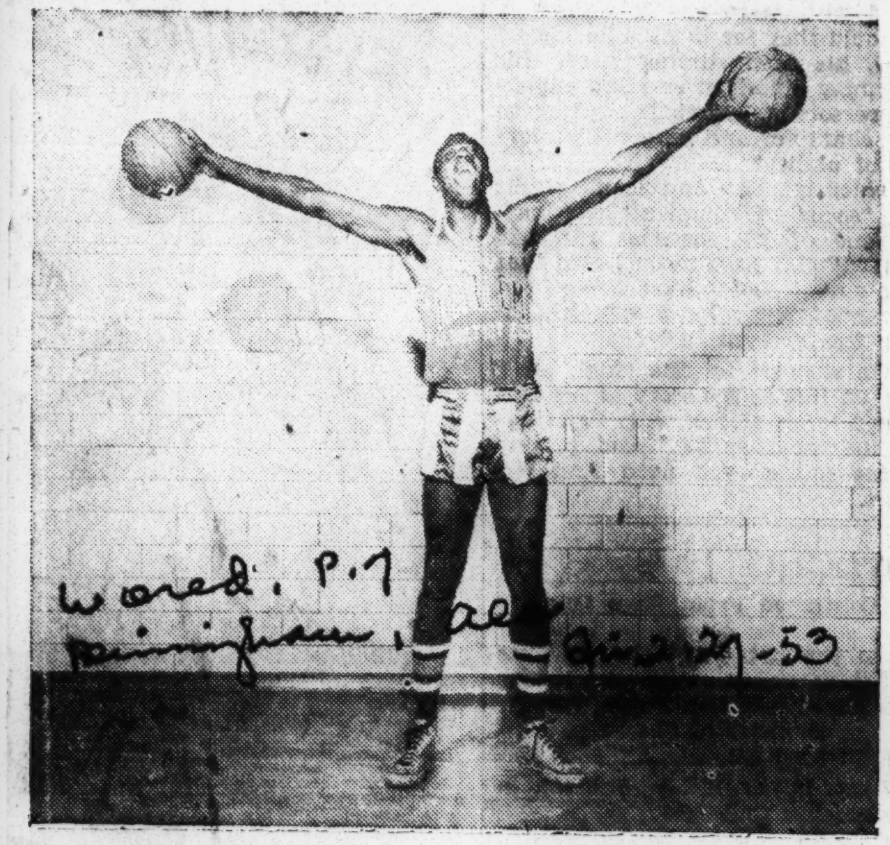
Lloyd T. Binford, chairman of the city board of censors, declared there was a difference between white persons performing before a Negro audience and two Negro teams performing before a white audience.

The aged censor explained that this was in line with the policy of the baseball games that "each race handle its own show."

He added, "I don't thing there is any social equality in the Negro ball teams playing before the white audience."

The acts were then shown at the afternoon game, which was held for

With 'Trotters' At Auditorium Sunday



REECE (GOOSE) TATUM — Sensational pivot-man of the Harlem Globetrotters who play the Kansas City Stars at City Auditorium at 7:30 Sunday night, March 1. The Sunday night engagement is exclusively for Negro fans. The Toledo Mercurys will play the Washington Generals on the same card. There will be a half-time "basketball show" for the delight of the fans.

Tatum is regarded as the greatest pivot man in basketball and the most amusing and entertaining player in the world. His care-free, relaxed style of play has established him as an enternational favorite. He possesses the biggest hands and longest arms of any athlete in the world. He is in his tenth season with the Globetrotters.

NAACP Officers Hit Jim Crow Game Here

The chairman of the Atlanta NAACP's Parks and Recreation committee issued a double-barrelled blast last night against the Wednesday night performance of the Harlem Globetrotters basketball team and Negroes who attended the game "through the side door."

D. L. Hollowell and J. H. Calhoun, vice presidents of the local NAACP branch, investigated several complaints that Negroes were forced to use the side door of the Municipal auditorium in order to attend the game.

The two men issued the following statement:

"Mr. J. H. Calhoun and I (Hollowell) questioned Mr. Saperstein, owner of the Harlem Globetrotters, about the arrangement at the auditorium. Mr. Saperstein said that he had nothing to do with the arrangements, that such was left to the promoters and the management. When asked why some of our excellent Negro promoters could not sponsor the team in Atlanta, Mr. Saperstein said that his policy is to change promoters only when the incumbent proved unsatisfactory."

"When Mr. H. H. Niebruegge, manager of the auditorium, was approached by Mr. Calhoun on the matter of the separate entrances, the answer came that the management makes arrangements according to the wishes of the promoters."

Atorney Hollowell, who is chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee of the local branch, said that he and Mr. Calhoun will report the matter to the group at its next meeting. Hollowell indicated that the branch will follow up the investigation by conferences with city officials.

The NAACP officials chided Negroes for attending the performance and pointed out:

"All of us can be justly proud of such a team as the Globetrotters. However, when we are forced to use rear door of a city owned building in order to see them perform, we certainly do ourselves and our posterity a disservice by attending...

"Why we must stand on the walk in a line in the cold of a windy March night awaiting a turn at the ticket window, then to go through dingy, semi-dark corridors and up steep stairs in order to reach seats, while others purchase their ticket in the warm, well-lighted lobby 'out front' then proceed to their seats in well-lighted, comfortable corridors? It is true that the State law requires segregated seating arrangements but not entrance ways."

Atlantans were urged to boycott future jim crow performances because:

"Our pride, our regard for the sweat, toil and sufferings of our forefathers as well as our soldiers, ourselves and our children, should renege against our accepting entrance by the alley door at the auditorium, the theater of any other public. If we don't have what we want and can get along without it, why subject ourselves to these indignities..."

A similar row happened here at a dance promotion.

Harlem's Trotters Play Pair Today

Herald Tribune

By Leonard Koppett

The most successful operation in all sports, the Harlem Globetrotters, launches another coast-to-coast tour today with a capacity crowd twice filling Madison Square Garden for afternoon and evening games, and those who attend will find out first hand why the Trotters can claim practically exclusive rights to the adjective "fabulous."

The opposition in today's two games, and on the nineteen-day tour billed as the "world series of basketball," will be a team of college all-stars. It includes several players who took part in last night's Fresh Air Fund East-West game (Ernie Beck, Larry Hennessy, Norm Grekin, Ron Feiereisel, Jack Molinas, Richie Regan) as well as others (Johnny and Ed O'Brien, of Seattle; Irv Bemoras, of Illinois; Dick Knostman, of Kansas State; Ken Flower, of Southern California).

Leeway Helps Act

But the identity of the opposition, like the results of the games, is completely unimportant. In fact, it's meaningless, since the "games" include a certain amount of leeway with the rules to allow the Trotters to put on their act.

The act, however, is twice as entertaining as any straight basketball that could be produced, and it is the act that has made the Trotters successful, fabulous and truly world famous. It is, essentially, slapstick comedy built on great basketball skills; its stars are Goose Tatum, long and loose-limbed comedian in chief, and Marquis Haynes, dribbler extraordinary; and its total effect comes from the tremendous teamwork of the entire ensemble, on straight basketball plays as well as on the beloved "baseball" and "football' routines the fans usually yell for long before the Trotters are safely enough ahead to go into them.

For all their entertainment and athletic talents, however, Abe Saperstein's Trotters really take over the word "fabulous" with respect to box office.

This is the fourth annual such tour. The first drew 181,364; the second, 216,270; the third, 201,755. At the Rose Bowl, in 1951, one performance drew 31,648. Last year's day-night twin bill at the Garden drew 35,548; a single Chicago performance last season drew 20,047 and this year the tour will do a day-night stand there, too. It will also hit Toronto, Philadelphia, Raleigh, Hershey, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Laramie (Wyo.) San Francisco, Los Angeles' 100,000-plus outdoor Coliseum, Denver, Kansas City, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Buffalo and Boston.

Impress the Pope

And the "world series" tour is only one part of the globetrotter operation. All season long they play exhibitions. Most of the spring, summer and early fall, they tour other parts of the world. This year they're going to be in England at the time of the Coronation and then will re-visit France, Spain, Italy and Germany and will appear in Sweden for the first time. Last year they went completely around the world, played 333 games in thirty-four countries, including South America, India, Australia, Japan and the Philippines. They also made a big hit with the Pope.

Bethune Cookman College Wins In 20th Annual SIAC Meet

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., March 16—The Bethune Cookman College Maroon and Gold Wildcats, of Daytona Beach, Fla., shot their way to a convincing 72-61 victory over the Xavier University Gold Rush cagers, of New Orleans, La., in the finals of the 20th annual Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Basketball Tournament, played here Saturday night, at Logan Hall gymnasium.

Playing in their second tournament since joining the conference in 1950, the Maroon and Gold Wildcats knocked off the Fort Valley State College Wildcats, 74-58 and Florida A&M College Rattlers, 59-52 to advance to the finals. In beating the classy Xavier quint the Wildcats captured their first SIAC tournament championship.

With John Chaney, sensational play - maker from Benjamin Franklin High School, Philadelphia, Pa., setting up most of the plays, Jack McClairen, Panama City, Fla., Hubert Hemsley and Wycliff Martin, also from Philadelphia, drilled in shots consistently as the Wildcats moved on top 20-13 at the quarter; 37-33 at intermission; and 53-49 at the end of the third period.

Trailing by 10 points, 51-41, midway the second period, Xavier climbed to within a single point of Bethune Cookman. Paced by Robert Jenkins, Bennett Joseph, Alfred Priestley, Frederick Jones, and Thurston, Xavier kept right on the Wildcats' heels through the third period. The Wildcats roared away for a commanding 12-point lead in the fourth quarter and froze the ball until the final buzzer.

To reach the finals Xavier rolled over the Knoxville College Bulldogs, 79-58 and Morehouse Maroon Tigers, 61-58.

In a game loaded with thrills and suspense, the Morehouse College Maroon Tigers, of Atlanta, Ga., toppled the Florida Rattlers, of Tallahassee, Fla., 68-63, in the consolation finals to win third place.

Using their superior height to advantage, the Rattlers overcame an early Morehouse lead and went out front, 15-13 at the quarter. Led by George Ross, freewheeling guard from St. Petersburg, Fla., the Maroon Tigers forged a 26-23 lead at the halftime and were ahead, 49-43 at the end of the third period. The score was knotted nine times—3-3; 11-11; 19-19; 36-36; 38-38; 40-40; 41-41; 59-59 and 61-61, then Morehouse clinched the game in the last 45 seconds of play.

Teaming with Ross in spearheading Morehouse's well-polished offensive attack were Bobby Jones, Donn Clendenon, Ronald Weaver, Bobby Alexander and Clifford Jackson. Mainstays for Florida included: Harold Donald, Willie Irvin, Charlie White, Herbert Beachum, Mack Clayton, William McCoggle and John Cuyler.

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Bethune-Cookman (72)	B	F	TP
McClarion	10	6	26
Martin	5	2	12
Chaney	0	4	4
Ardis	3	4	10
Hemsley	4	4	12
Richardson	1	1	3
Holt	1	3	5
TOTALS	24	24	72

Xavier (61)	B	F	TP
Gaines	1	2	4
Jenkins	5	2	12
Jones	2	4	8
I. Joseph	3	0	6
B. Joseph	3	2	8
Prevost	1	4	6
Priestley	3	0	6
Streams	1	0	2
Warlick	4	1	9
Thomas	0	0	0
TOTALS	23	15	61

Officials: Lunis Ballard (Virginia State), Franklin Taylor (Alabama State).

CONSOLATION FINALS

Morehouse (68)	B	F	TP
Jackson	3	4	10
Jones	4	4	12
Weaver	2	2	6
Ross	7	5	19
Alexander	0	6	6
Clendenon	7	1	15
TOTALS	23	22	68

Florida (63)	B	F	TP
White	3	1	7
Beachum	3	5	11
Dyles	1	1	3
Clayton	4	4	12
McCoggle	1	0	2
Donald	7	2	16
Cuyler	1	1	3
Irvin	3	3	9
TOTALS	23	17	63

Officials: Vernon Colbert (Johnson C. Smith), W. T. Butler (Colorado).

FIRST ROUND

Tuskegee	73
Clark	62
Florida	108
Alabama State	97

QUARTER-FINALS

Xavier	79
Knoxville	58
Morehouse	72
Tuskegee	60
Florida	53
Fisk	36
Bethune Cookman	74
Fort Valley State	58

SEMI-FINALS

Xavier	61
Morehouse	58
Bethune Cookman	69
Florida	52

John Chaney, cool Bethune Cookman College all - around floorman and showman, from Philadelphia, Pa., was a unanimous choice on the all-conference tournament team, selected by coaches and officials at the 20th annual Southern Intercollegiate Basketball Tournament, played here March 12, 13 and 14.

High in the balloting were Jack McClairen, of Panama City, Fla., and George Ross, Morehouse sharpshooter and playmaker, of St. Petersburg, Fla.

The all-tournament team selections are as follows:

FIRST TEAM

Player & Pos.	School
Hubert Hemsley, F	Bethune Cookman
Harold Donald,	Florida A&M
Jack McClairen, C	Bethune Cookman
George Ross, G	Morehouse
John Chaney, G	Bethune Cookman

SECOND TEAM

Player & Pos.	School
Herbert Beachum, F	Florida A&M
Wycliff Martin, F	Bethune Cookman
Frederick Jones, C	Xavier
Willie Irvin, G	Florida A&M
Thurston Warlick, G	Xavier

and M—ister "Basketball," Oliver Faulk.

News In Brief

We're looking forward to a very good track team, coached by Shannon. Some of our star runners are: Jimmy Williams, Roosevelt Calhoun, Jesse Daniels, Cleveland Hobdy and Jack Montgomery.

Everybody's showing pictures this week. They are all very nice.

Physics should be interesting with Hannah Thomas making the highest grade for the six weeks.

The advanced class in home ecomonics is planning a shower for the 24th. Good luck, kids! It should be a success with Mrs. Primus over it.

There will be a lot of map studying in "American History" says Mrs. Lawrence.

Margaret Jean Harris and Jereline Johnson are the top students under Miss Black in "Shorthand."

After receiving cards on Tuesday, the following 11th grade students were on the "Honor Roll": Delores Farris, Blanche Taylor, Hannah Thomas, Vernetta Floyd, Rose H. Trotter, Roosevelt Wright, James Harris, and many others.

Thought For The Week

A quitter never wins, a winner never quits.

Patricia Trumbo.

Florida Gets Top Seeding In Cage Meet

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — Florida A. and M. college, perennial powerhouse in Southern conference basketball, was seeded first place in the drawing held Saturday afternoon in Logan hall for the 20th annual basketball tournament which starts Thursday afternoon, March 12.

Xavier university from New Orleans, was seeded second, Morehouse, third and Bethune-Cookman, fourth. Pairings for the tournament were made under the supervision of the conference committee, consisting of Cleve L. Abbott, Tuskegee Institute, chairman; C. Johnson, Alabama State college; R. S. Darnaby, Tuskegee, conference secretary-treasurer and B. T. Harvey, Atlanta, conference commissioner.

The 10 teams selected to play in the tournament are Florida, Morehouse, Bethune - Cookman, Tuskegee, Fort Valley, Alabama, Fisk, Knoxville, Clark and Xavier.

Tuskegee meets Clark in the first game Thursday afternoon, meeting at 3:30 in the second with Alabama State and Florida game. Xavier meets Knoxville at 5, and Fort Valley plays Bethune-Cookman at 6:30. Morehouse will meet the winner of the Tuskegee-Clark game at 8 p.m., and Fisk will engage the victor of the Alabama-Florida game at 9:30 p.m.

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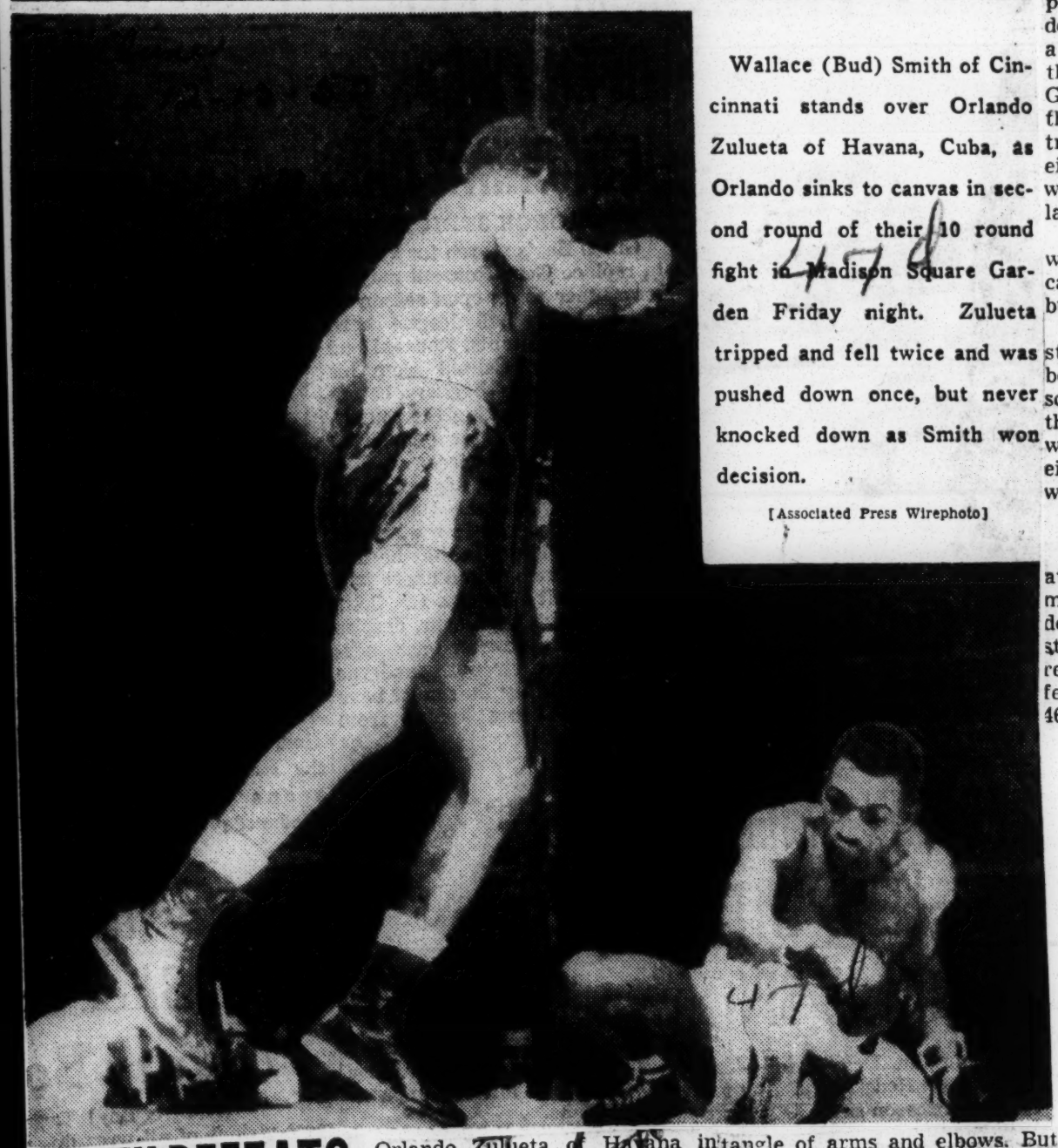
DUCKS TOO LOW IN DODGING BLOW



Wallace (Bud) Smith of Cincinnati stands over Orlando Zulueta of Havana, Cuba, as Orlando sinks to canvas in second round of their 10 round fight in Madison Square Garden Friday night. Zulueta tripped and fell twice and was pushed down once, but never knocked down as Smith won decision.

[Associated Press Wirephoto]

SMITH DEFEATS ZULUETA ON 10 ROUND DECISION

New York, Dec. 12 (AP)—Wallace [Bud] Smith of Cincinnati, O., former Chicago Golden Glover, strengthened his position as No. 1 challenger for Jimmy Carter's lightweight title by winning a unanimous decision over Orlando Zulueta of Havana in their 10 round fight in Madison Square Garden last night.

Rallies in the seventh and eighth rounds brought Smith victory before 2,991 who paid $7,708, and a nation wide television audience.

The battle was the fourth between the two fighters, who fought to a draw in 1951 and split two decisions earlier this year. Smith was a two to one favorite.

Smith Always in Pursuit

Zulueta's jab and clinch tactics slowed the bout, which sometimes disintegrated into a tangle of arms and elbows. But Smith, always moving in pursuit of his fleet, dancing opponent, managed to land enough solid hooks to the head and body to gain the vote of all three officials.

Referee Ruby Goldstein saw it 7-2-1, Judge Artie Susskind 7-3, and Judge Bert Grant 5-4-1, all in favor of Smith.

Flicking with his left and grabbing when Smith moved in close, Zulueta was able to take an early lead, but he was not able to match Smith's strong finish.

Zulueta Down 3 Times

Zulueta, who weighed 135 pounds to Smith's 136½, was down three times, but never from a punch. He was pushed down in the second round when Referee Goldstein started to count and then changed his mind. He tripped over Smith's leg in the eighth, and fell thru the ropes while ducking punches that never landed in the ninth.

Time after time, Goldstein warned Zulueta for holding and cautioned Smith for low blows, but he never took a round away.

In the sixth, Smith began to step up the pace, banging to the body with a straight right. A solid hook to the jaw shook up the Cuban in the seventh and he was in trouble midway in the eighth. But Zulueta managed to weather the storm.

Eighth Straight Victory

Smith, 24 year old former Amateur Athletic union champion making his Garden main event debut, now has an unbeaten streak of eight and an over-all record of 27-8-5. Zulueta was suffering his 19th defeat as against 46 victories and nine draws.

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Sugar's Loss to Maxim '52's Top Sports Drama . . .

There were a lot of thrills, upsets and surprises along the sports trail last year. From this observation perch, however, the most dramatic and stirring chapter in the book was written by Sugar Ray Robinson last July when he "melted" and "passed out" in his fight with Joey Maxim.

Before the fight most experts agreed that the only way the slim man from Harlem could miss winning the light heavyweight crown from Maxim would be to drop dead.

Fortunately, he didn't do that. But with only six minutes to go and the title practically on his head, the marvelous man with the lightning fists crumbled from the intense heat that made Yankee Stadium an oven that night.

For twelve rounds Sugar Ray, agile and fearless, gave one of the greatest boxing exhibitions in the history of the game. He speared the bewildered Maxim with stinging lefts and bashed him unmercifully with sling-shot rights that made the champion's water-soaked head spin around as though it was on some kind of spindle.

But midway in round thirteen the peerless Robinson started fading. The heat was taking its toll. It was frying him as crisply as an overdone egg, burning him up. Robinson knew he was being cremated, too. But he couldn't do anything about it. Maxim, meantime, managed to withstand the unusual climatic conditions and stay on his feet.

Bedlam Broke Loose in Sugar's Dressing Room . . .

Robinson stumbled blindly to his corner at the end of the thirteenth round. He was delirious. His brain was numb, his eyes glassy. He was like a man who had gotten lost from a desert caravan and left to die without water or food on the sun-baked sands.

He couldn't come out for the fourteenth and as a result Maxim kept the title. He kept it, despite the fact that he didn't land more than two authorative punches during the fight. He was able to resist the intense heat, whereas Robinson couldn't.

In the dressing room afterward, Robinson increased the fiery tempo of the strange and surprising drama. He went berserk. He cried and he screamed. He laughed and he sang. The torture he had experienced under those blazing ring lights made him a mad man.

In the midst of his hysteria he grabbed the Mayor of New York City and dragged him into the shower room. The fully dressed Mayor tried to soothe him, tried to "bring him back," as the water poured down on both of them. It was as wild and weird a scene as anyone has ever witnessed in sports history.

That, in our opinion, was the most dramatic and amazing scene in the colorful sports show of 1952. Robinson, playing the leading role, lost a title and lost his head in the strangest manner possible.

He wa "cooked" by the temperature, wilted and boiled by the heat. Throughout his career Sugar Ray was a sensational, talented fighter. But, ironically, he was never more sensational than in that last fight . . . that night when he was roasted into a state of senselessness in the fiery furnace they called Yankee Stadium.

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The Stage Is Set for Another Great Show in '53 . . .

The new year has arrived and the performers are getting ready for another dynamic show. It will probably be greater than the thriller they presented in 1952.

New stars are popping up everywhere. You are going to see new heroes in every phase of sports. You also will probably see some of the greatest fade into obscurity.

IN 1953 YOU MAY SEE . . . The last of Jackie Robinson as a regular with the Brooklyn Dodgers . . . The arrival of Junior Gilliam, the young second baseman who belongs to the Dodgers and starred at Montreal last season . . . Joe Black win 20 or more games for Brooklyn . . . The last of Monty Irvin who has a heart as big as the Polo Grounds but may not be able to come back after suffering that tragic leg injury last year.

YOU MAY ALSO SEE . . . Gil Turner, the young Philadelphia fireball, blast his way to the welterweight title . . . Kid Gavilan, king of the welters, give Chuck Davey, the college boy from Detroit, his first whipping . . . The Harlem Globetrotters meet and beat the mighty Minneapolis Lakers . . . The New York Yankees introduce their first Negro player, Vic Power, the "Kansas City Kid" . . . Larry Doby traded to Detroit or Chicago . . . Walter Dukes, the seven-foot cager from Seton Hall, lead his team to the national collegiate championship and then join the pros as a member of the New York Knickerbockers or Globetrotters . . . Every team in pro football with at least one Negro player in its line-up . . . Truman Gibson, International Boxing Club secretary, take over the entire operation of boxing's biggest promotional organization . . . You may see all those things and many more in 1953.

The 'White Hope' Dies

The death of Jim Jeffries the other day gave old timers cause to reflect on how much Americans have matured in racial matters.

Jeffries, for the benefit of those too young to know, was the nation's first "white hope" back in 1910 when Jack Johnson was ruling the world's heavyweight roost.

Jeffries came out of retirement at Reno, Nevada on July 4, of that year. His sacred mission was to lift the championship from Johnson's throne.

The "white hope" failed but the expression survived.

In all truth, Johnson's out-of-the-ring habits did nothing to hasten its death.

Forty-three years and three colored heavyweight champions later, few persons, if any, think in terms of "white hopes."

The punching power and personal conduct of Joe Louis, Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott in and out of the squared circle took care of that.

Ability, not color, is now the accepted measure of a true champion.

This is as it should be. In this respect, at least, America has finally come of age.

RANDY TURPIN'S WIFE SUES FOR DIVORCE

LONDON—Mrs. Mary Turpin, Irish-born wife of Randy Turpin, British middleweight boxing champion, has filed a petition for a divorce.

Thinks Lure Of Ring For Young Negroes Ended With Joe, Ray

"NEW YORK — (ANP)—Lou Stillman, "ageless" owner of the famed gymnasium on Eighth Avenue hard by Madison Square Garden, recently declared that he's sad because there are no more Negro youngsters aspiring to be fighters.

"The Negro kids all got to work, instead," he told a daily reporter last week.

Five years ago the rings here and the dressing rooms would be jammed with them all trying to copy Louis and Armstrong and guys like that. I've been in this business 37 years and never saw it so bad. Let's kill television. When the two leases I have in this building are up a year from now, I'm going to tear down the building and run a parking lot.

What Stillman says is true. Right in Harlem 25 years ago, there were two flourishing gyms one on 125th street and one on 116th street, that supplied, the local boxing club at 135th and Madison, the famous old Olympia, with fighters preliminary boys no less, some of whom went on to ring fame.

The type of Negro boys going in for boxing has improved a whit-not too much. Seldom do you find college trained Negroes taking up the art of self defense." Always, its the hungry underprivileged kid who has to fight his way through in his own neighborhoods. And with no disparagement, name one champ who was n't an underprivileged kid — why Jack Dempsey was a hobo! What are the origins of these boys? The rise to fistic fame and big purses is surely attribute to the Horatic Alger career that can come to some people in this democracy.

But on the other hand, Negro boys remember too well the fact that there is only one champion in each of the nine divisions. Contenders don't count. And on the long way up, a man has better than an even chance of losing an eye, getting clobbered until he's punch drunk and maimed for life.

Visit Madison Square Garden at any big fight and you'll see the shell of once "promising fighters" selling pencils, peanuts or putting the beg on passersby — as some of their old time rooters and friends pass without giving them a second thought.

Remember clever middleweight Jack McVey, around 1925. Well, he's one example. And did you ever read about a chap named Beau Jack, the shoes shine kid from Augusta who was champion —only to wind up broke and still shining shoes to keep body and soul together? Negro boys know these fellows and those kindly managers who look out for their boys — pocketing the fat purses and giving the boys just enough to get along on. Henry Armstrong may not be broke, but one of his managers — a good guy — took him to the cleaners.

Only the smart Negro fighters who kept their money lost their friends. Sugar Ray Robinson was the most cordially disliked fighter in the ring — even when he was at his very best. Know why? He steered clear of the racketeers who all wanted a "piece" of him.

If he paid out any money, it was so cleverly done. Sugar Ray, who was one of those tough kids, Walker Smith by name, kept the biggest part for himself. And although, the rumor is that the Sugar hasn't got what he is reported to have — he isn't having any benefits staged for him.

Harry Wills learned that lesson 20 years ago. He has his and is now a gentleman of leisure, living on his income.

The reason given is that Negro kids no longer have idols to emulate. Five years ago, according to Mr. White, the rings and dressing rooms at Stillman's would be jammed with hopefuls . . . all trying to copy Joe Louis, Henry Armstrong or guys like that.

"The Negro kids all got to work, instead," said Mr. Stillman. "I've been in this business thirty-seven years and never saw it so bad. Let's kill television. When the two leases I have in this building are up, a year from now, I'm going to tear down this building and run a parking lot."

It was pointed out that Negro kids, more and more, are noticing the scores of punch-drunk tumble bums one can count for every first class fighter. They are beginning to realize, more and more, that contenders don't count.

Fighters Fade

Stillman May Close Doors Of Gymnasium

NEW YORK—According to a story written by Al White for the Associated Negro Press, last week, the famous Stillman's Gymnasium on Eighth Avenue, "hard by Madison Square Garden," is going out of business.

SATTERFIELD TO FACE KANSAN IN RAINBO TUESDAY

Light Heavyweights to Fight 8 Rounder

BY FRANK MASTRO

Robert Satterfield, hard hitting south side light heavyweight, will meet Ray Augustus of Topeka, Kas., in an eight round main event in Rainbow arena Tuesday night. It will be the second of a series of shows presented by the International Boxing club to develop talent for Chicago Stadium and its other big arenas.

Bob Satterfield

Truman Gibson, I. B. C. secretary, reported that the I. B. C. dropped about a thousand dollars on last week's opening venture in the north side club, but the money was well spent.

Black, Adkins Impressive

Jed Black, 1951 National Collegiate Athletic association welterweight champion from Michigan State, and Chuck Adkins, 1952 Olympic junior welter gold medal winner from Gary, both scored impressive victories in two fights of eight rounds, which featured the program.

Black beat Norm Webb of Detroit in an exciting battle, while Adkins, Jed's stablemate, conquered Tommy Maddox, Webb's stablemate, after a hard fight. Bernard Glickman, manager of Webb and Maddox, will be given an official reprimand at tomorrow's meeting of the Illinois Athletic commission, as a result of his behavior during the Black-Webb slugfest, it was indicated by Commissioner Lou Radzienda.

Offered Chance in 1949

Irving Schoenwald, newly appointed chief of the new talent division of the I. B. C., who will continue to promote nontelevised weekly fights in the Rainbo for the giant organization, yesterday recalled that he had been offered a chance to join forces when the club was formed in 1949. However, he rejected the invitation out of loyalty to Jack Begun, one of his promotional associates, who was feuding with Arthur Wirtz, Stadium and I. B. C. director.

Supporting contests on Tuesday's card include:

Joe Maldonado, Topeka, vs. Ray Powell, south side [5], 130 pounds.

Cyril Kelly, south side, vs. Bobby Brown, New Orleans [4], 148 pounds.

Bobby Boyd, south side, vs. Henry Henderson, Kansas City, Kas. [8]. 160 pounds.

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Louisiana Lifts Ban On Mixed Cards

NEW ORLEANS, La. — The Louisiana State Athletic Commission this week rescinded its rule prohibiting colored and white boxers from appearing on the same boxing show.

Under the rule, which had been in effect for 60 years, white and colored boxers could not appear on the same program in Louisiana.

"In arriving at this decision, the commission feels that its action will make it possible for the promoters to have more talent at their command," said Dr. Lloyd J. Landry, secretary of the commission.

The action, however, does not affect the law which prohibits colored and white boxers from fighting each other in the ring.

Valdes Beams: 'I've Got Confidence'

Rocky Wouldn't Touch Me--Nino

By BARNEY WATERS
Herald Sports Writer

"I felt like a lion right in the middle of Africa."

That's how boxing's newest toast—Nino Valdes—explained his eyebrow-lifting upset over Ezzard Charles in Tuesday night's Miami Beach bout.

And that line was typical of the 28-year-old Cuban, who sat in the lobby of the Mary Elizabeth Hotel literally seething with confidence.

With the facility that you or I would say we're going to get a drink of water, Valdez disclosed:

1—He was positive he'd beat Charles.

2—He won every round except the second.

3—He's got all that's needed to become heavyweight champion . . . weight, strength and youth.

4—He'll beat Rocky Marciano and what's more, Rocky won't lay a glove on him.

"I've got phenomenal confidence in myself," the Cuban champion said, superfluously, Wednesday after his victory had made him the talk of the boxing world.

Speaking in his native Spanish, Nino (pronounced "Nin-yo" and meaning "child" in Spanish) continued:

"I was positive I could beat Charles. There was no doubt in my mind. He's a strong boy, but when I was in the ring, I was Nino. I felt like a lion in the middle of Africa."

"Did you know you were winning during the latter stages of the fight?"

"Sure, I knew I was winning. In fact, I think I won every round, except the second."

Asked if he thought he was ready to fight Marciano, Valdes shot back quickly:

"I could start training tomorow for Marciano. Our styles were made for each other. It would be a beautiful fight."

"Do you think you could beat Marciano? He's a pretty hard hitter, you know."

"Yes, he's a hard hitter, but he wouldn't lay a glove on me. I'd hit him, but he wouldn't hit me."

"I've got all it takes to be champion. I've got weight (210 pounds) . . . I've got strength (he says he used to tote 300-pound bags of sugar while working at refineries) and I've got youth (He'll be 29 Dec. 5)."

That was a confident man talking . . . a man who had fought 12 years almost fruitlessly . . . then all of a sudden, he had beaten Omelio Agramonte for the championship of Cuba and Ezzard Charles, one of the top contenders for the world title.

"All you need is patience," said Valdes. "I had a lot of hungry years. I've only had 34 fights in 12 years.

"There aren't many heavyweights in Cuba and it was tough finding fights. Agramonte ran away from me for more than two years before he fought me.

"Before I fought Johnson (Harold, who outpointed him by a 10-0 margin on the card of each official) I hadn't had a fight in six months.

"But in the last two years, since Bobby Gleason's been managing me, I've boxed more often.

"Gleason's been a great help to me. He treats me just like a son and I call him 'Papa.'

"It's a great help not having to worry about going hungry, or having a dollar in my pocket. That's why I'm a better fighter."

What very few people know is that Valdes has been married only a month . . . just about the length of time his fistic fortunes have been paying off.

His wife, Delia, whom he's known for seven years, recently set up a home in the Bronx at New York.

"We didn't get married before because I couldn't feed myself, much less a wife," Nino said.

Just then, an elderly Cuban gentleman walked up and joined in the conversation. He was Vicente Ramirez Echevarria, a lifetime friend of Valdes, as well as his uncle.

"Are you his trainer," he was asked.

"I've been training him since he was three years old," he answered.

"Here's something you can say. When Nino was 14, some sports broadcasters interviewed me and I told them he was going to be the heavyweight champion of the world.

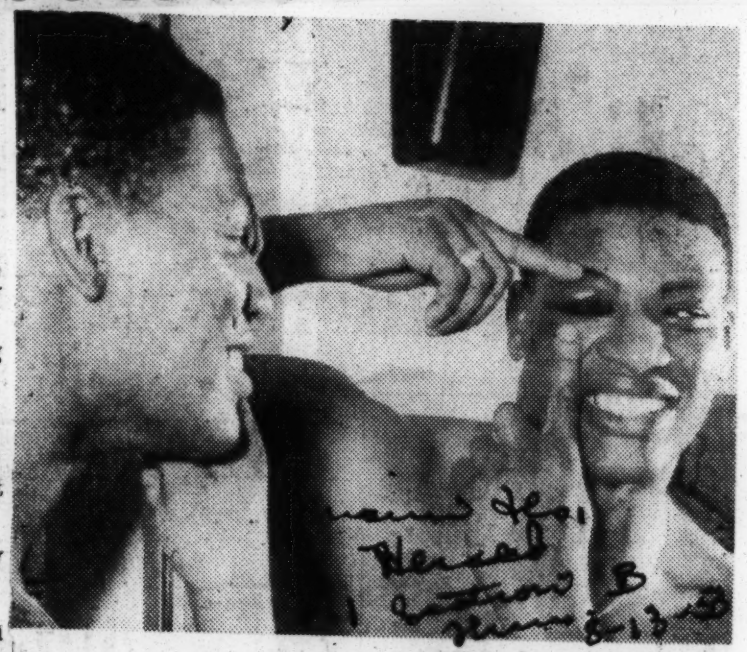
"You should have heard what they called me. They said I was crazy. The sports fans made fun of me and they all laughed at me," Echevarria recalled.

"Now we only have one more step before my prophecy is realized."

Valdes' first manager was one of Cuba's most respected fight authorities—Luis (Pincho) Gutierrez—the manager of the famed Kid Chocolate.

At 14, Nino stood six feet, one inch and fought the champion of Cuba—Lazaro Diaz—who was then 27. He took a terrific beating.

Later, a fellow called Modino Acosta took him over and



—INS Photo by Jimmy O'Grady

NINO'S EYE DAMAGED BUT SMILE ISN'T

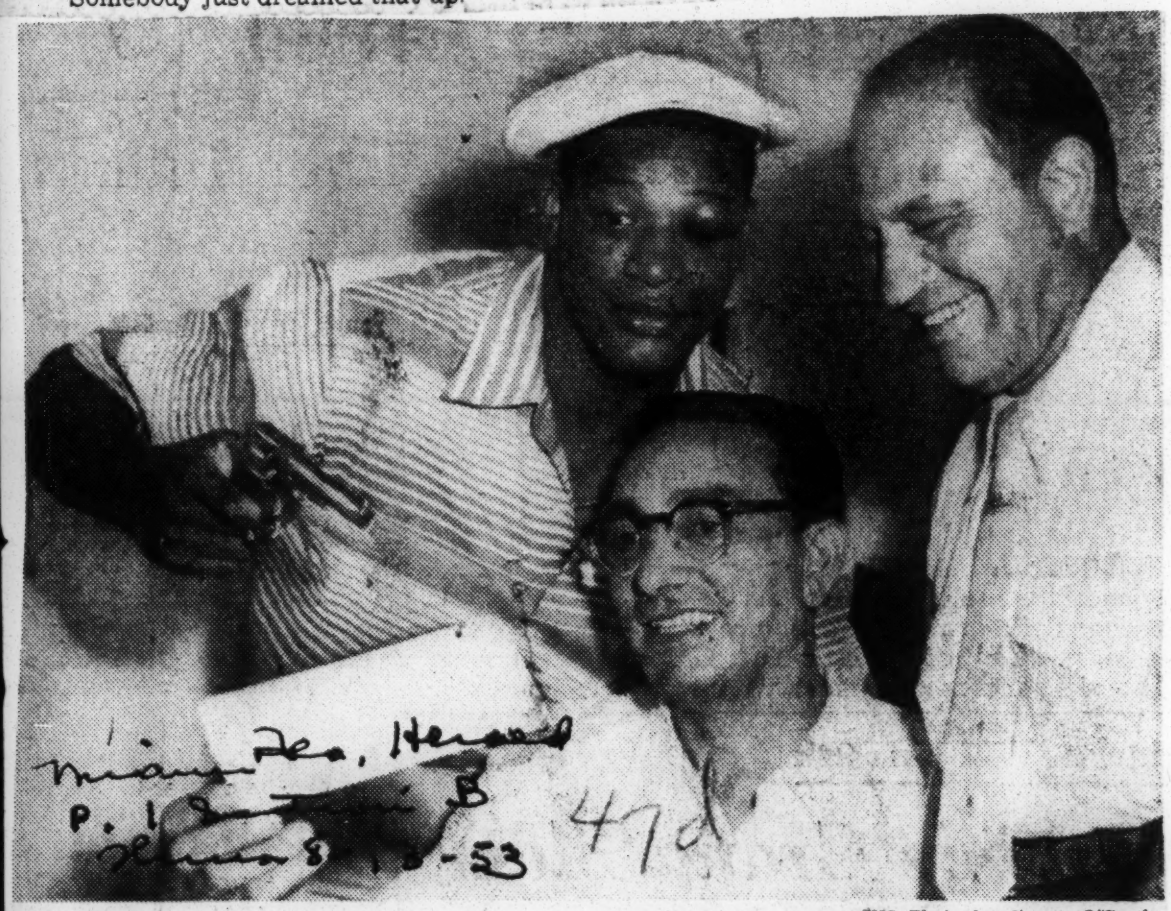
steered him through the lean years, when three fights per annum constituted a busy schedule.

Acosta, several years ago, joined Gleason and eventually sold Gleason his half of the contract for $1,500.

"One more thing," Valdes was asked. "What's this talk about your not wanting to change trunks before the Charles fight. Are you superstitious."

"Aw, that's a lot of trash. I don't know where they got that from. If I saw a ladder leaning against the building, I'd go right under it on purpose, not walk around it like they do here.

"Somebody just dreamed that up."



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IT'S ONLY A GAG, says Promoter Chris Dundee, I was going to give him the check anyway, but Nino Valdes keeps a pistol pointed at his $2,500-plus share of Tuesday night's Miami Beach boxing gate. The weapon also is supposed to signify Valdes' aim at higher stakes after taking Ez Charles by unanimous decision. His manager, Bobby Gleason, is the morose soul at right.

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First Jeffries, Then Johnson

The death of Jim Jeffries, once the world's matchless heavyweight boxing champion, has tapped a fallen vein of remembrance about the melancholy end in which Jack Johnson, the great Negro fighter, stood over him clowning as the referee counted the mystical 10. There the obituaries left Johnson, whereas the fact is Johnson went on to encounter the same misfortune as Jeffries.

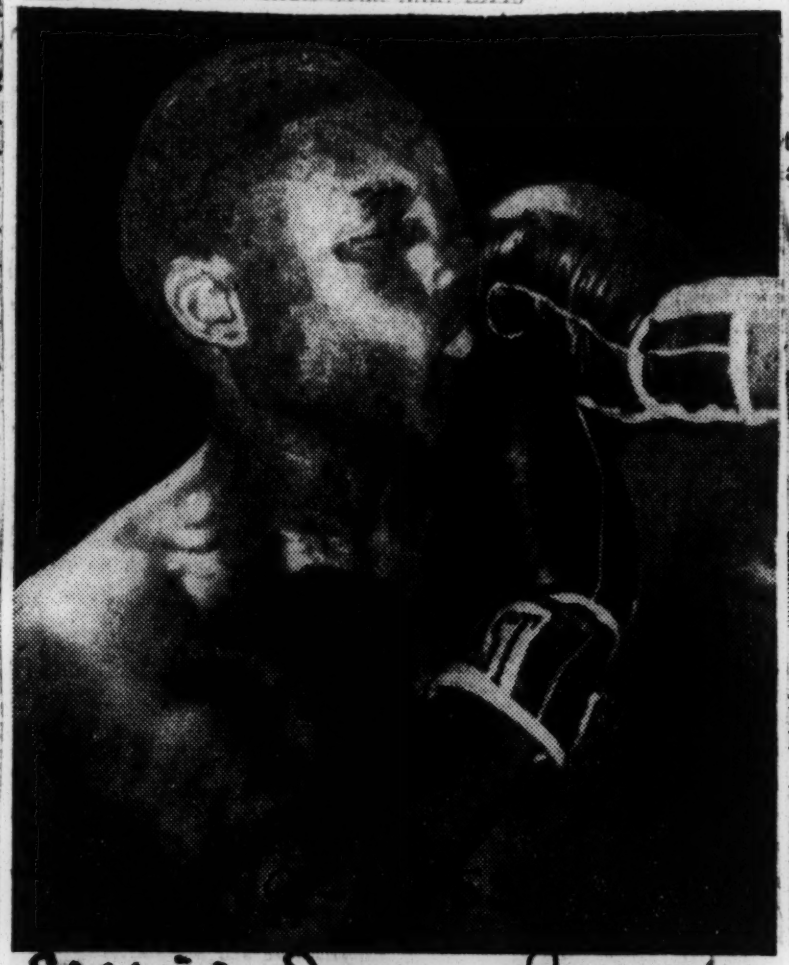
Jeffries retired at 29 because he had all the money he could spend and there wasn't anyone left who was worthy of him. Thereafter Johnson, the Negro stevedore from Galveston, succeeded to the championship and great pressure was applied to the aging Jeffries to come out of retirement and repossess the title in the name of the white man. King Edward VII of England was among those prodding Jeffries to come out.

They met at Reno in 1910. Johnson had a mouth full of gold teeth and they were all visible as he clowned about the ring. At one point he rested his weight on the shoulders of the sagging Jeffries and cracked at the onetime champ, Gentleman Jim Corbett, who was sitting at the ringside, "Jim, this big bum can't fight any better than you could." Then he let the superannuated Jeffries have it.

A truly great fighter, Johnson was unchallenged in a serious way and devoted himself to high life in Paris and London. It took a lot out of him. He returned to America in 1915 to train for a fight with Jess Willard in Havana.

Johnson did no training to restore his fighting fitness, perhaps counting on the fact that Willard was a big and powerful cowpuncher who could bend a silver dollar in his hands but was not much of a fighter. Under the fierce sun in Havana, very little happened in the way of fighting between Willard and Johnson. There is no agreement whether a Willard haymaker or the sun and the high life was responsible, but Johnson suddenly went down for the count, as helpless as Jeffries.

"Pride goeth before a fall" had a remarkable literal application to the rise and sudden end of Johnson, a man whose body often had reason to be fatigued, but never his mind.



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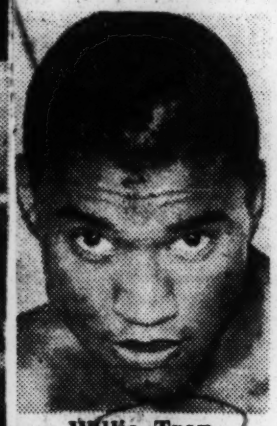
OUCH!—Johnny Cunningham of Baltimore astounded the boxing world by winning a split decision over lightweight champion Jimmy Carter in a 10-round, non-title bout at Miami Beach Saturday night. Carter grimaces as Cunningham's left stabs his nose in the fourth round.

Fights Lee Sala

Ambers Will Second Troy In Thursday Fight Here

Lee Sala, 26-year-old Donora, Pa., middleweight, arrives in town today for his bout Wednesday night at Turner's Arena against 22-year-old Willie Troy, contender from Washington.

Troy checked in here yesterday and went through a final public workout at Billy Edwards' Northeast Arena gymnasium. Former world's lightweight champion, Lou Ambers will fill in as Troy's handler and chief second in the absence of Manager Al Weill, who is in New York directing Rocky Marciano through his last workouts prior to the heavyweight fight Thursday night.



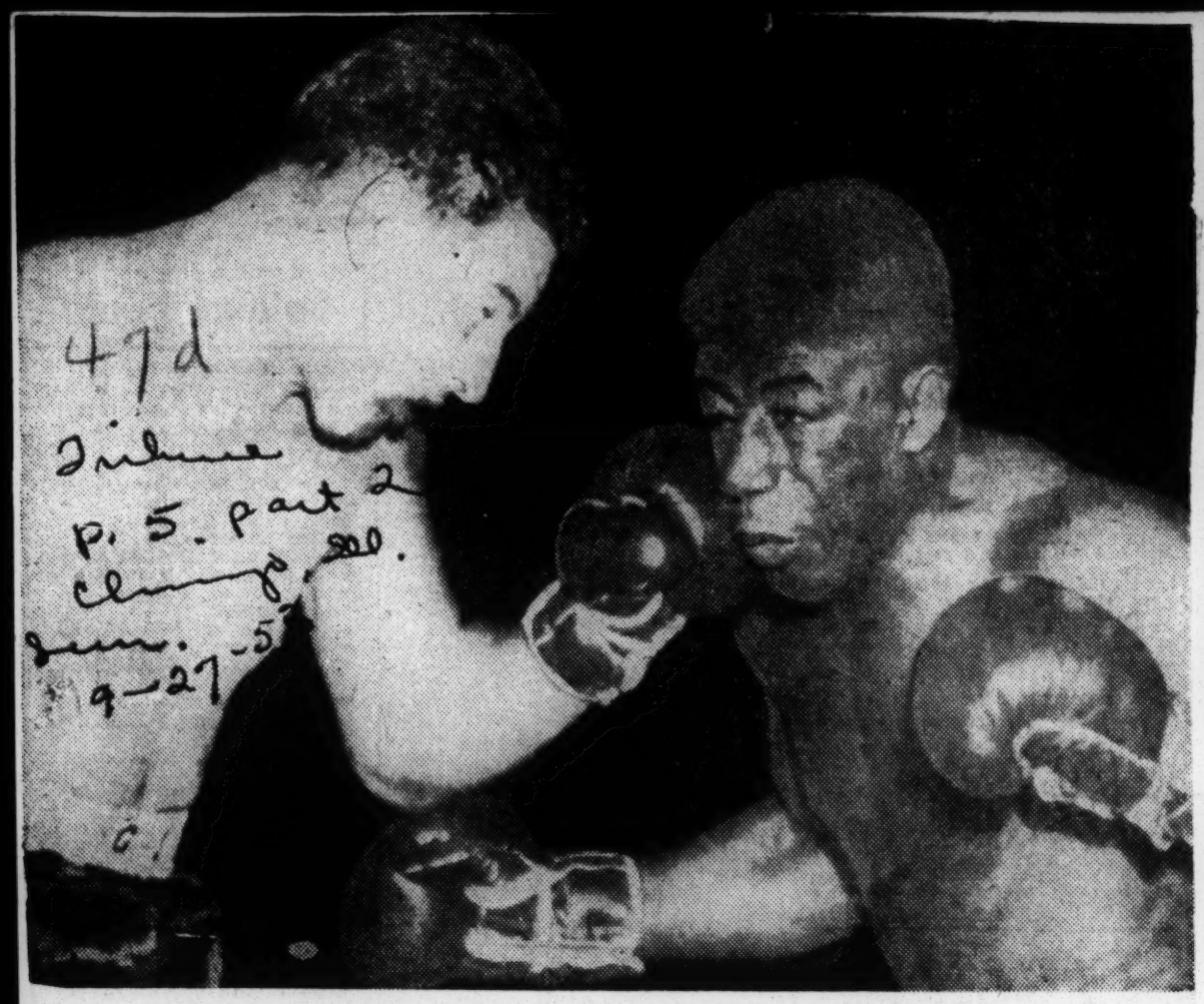
Willie Troy

Sala will carry a record of 76 victories in 82 professional starts against Troy. The Italian-American slugger has registered 48 knockouts.

Troy has chalked up 20 wins in 21 outings and includes 14 knockouts among that collection. Willie, however, was kayoed himself here on March 4 when Holly Minms, a home town rival, put him to sleep.

Promoter Goldie Ahearn has lined up a supporting card for the main event which will be seen nationally on television.

Six rounders: Johnny Eubanks of Pittsburgh vs. Ralph Brown of Baltimore and Frank Pompino of Herkimer, N. Y., vs. Charlie Wilson of Washington. Four rounders: Eldridge (Tommy) Thompson of Quantico vs. Randy Brevard of Washington and Paul Kostoppoolos of College Park vs. Happy Jack of Washington.



James J. Parker, left, Canadian heavyweight, scores with left to head of Jimmy Slade in first round of their 10 round bout in New York Friday night. Parker was the winner by a split decision.

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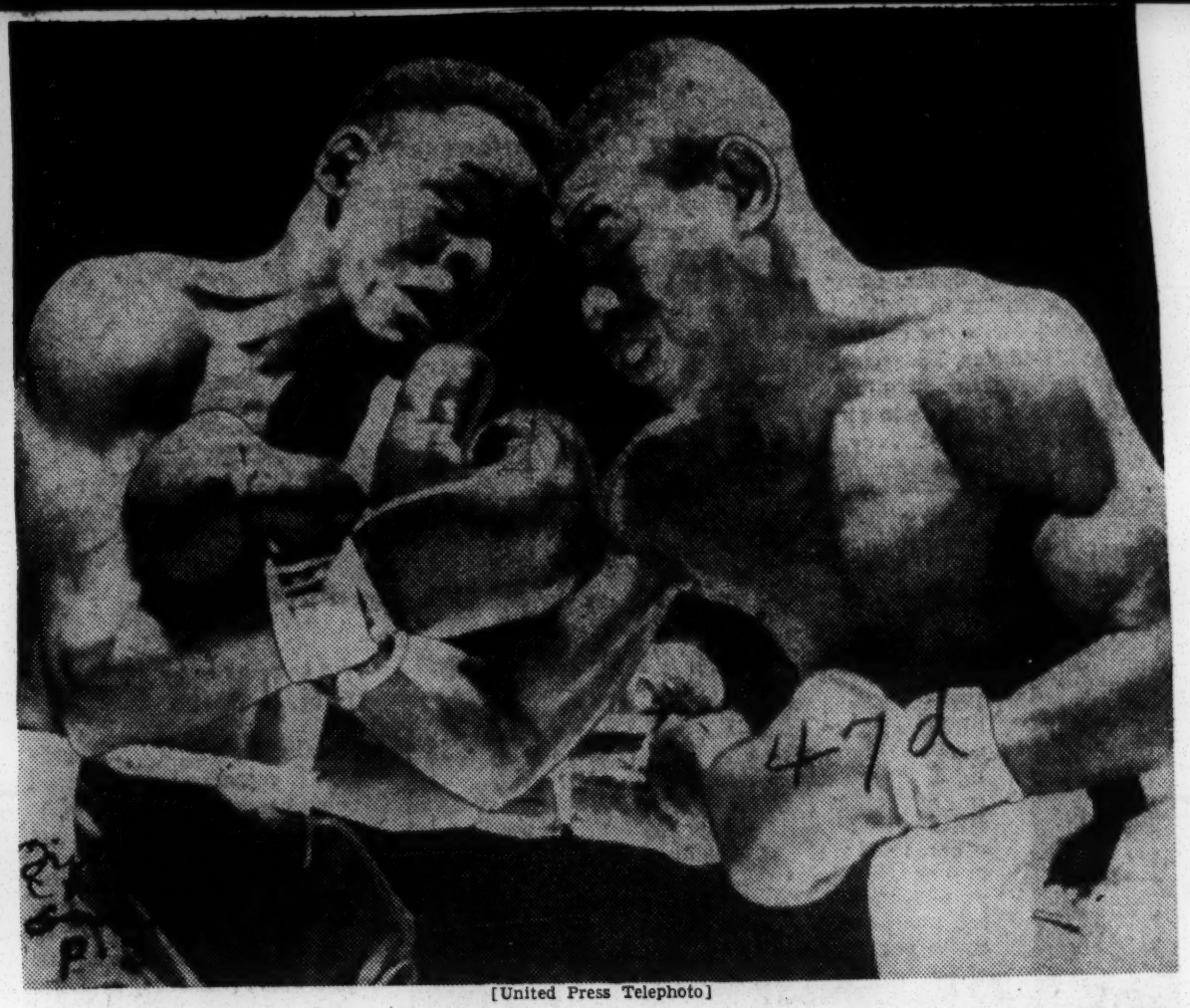

[United Press Telephoto]

Teddy Davis, right, of Hartford, Conn., exchanges punches with George Araujo of Providence, R. I., in first round of their 10 round bout in New York Friday night. Davis won by unanimous decision.

GOLDEN GLOVES' ASSIST:

Nashville drops ring ban on mixed bouts

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A local boy who couldn't enter the Golden Gloves competition here a few years ago, because he was colored, is responsible for giving this town a new deal in boxing.

Two years ago, Isaac Vaughan was a pretty good prospect for the Golden Gloves contest, except for his color.

Vaughan was not discouraged. He packed up and went to Cincinnati, Ohio, entered the tournament and beat everybody he faced.

Defeated White Rival

Ross Calvin, white, former mid-state champion, competed in the local Gloves' contest and won.

He went to Chicago for the finals. Vaughan f Nashville and Cincinnati was there too, and as fate would have it, they met in the finals.

Vaughan, who couldn't enter the Nashville Golden Gloves because he was colored, whipped Calvin, who represented his (Vaughan) home team, and won the national title in their division.

Set For Home Town

This week, Vaughan and Calvin have been booked to meet in the Arena here in the first mixed bout in Nashville's history.

The match was made after the state attorney general ruled:

"There is nothing in the Constitution of laws of this state which prohibit the holding of such a match."

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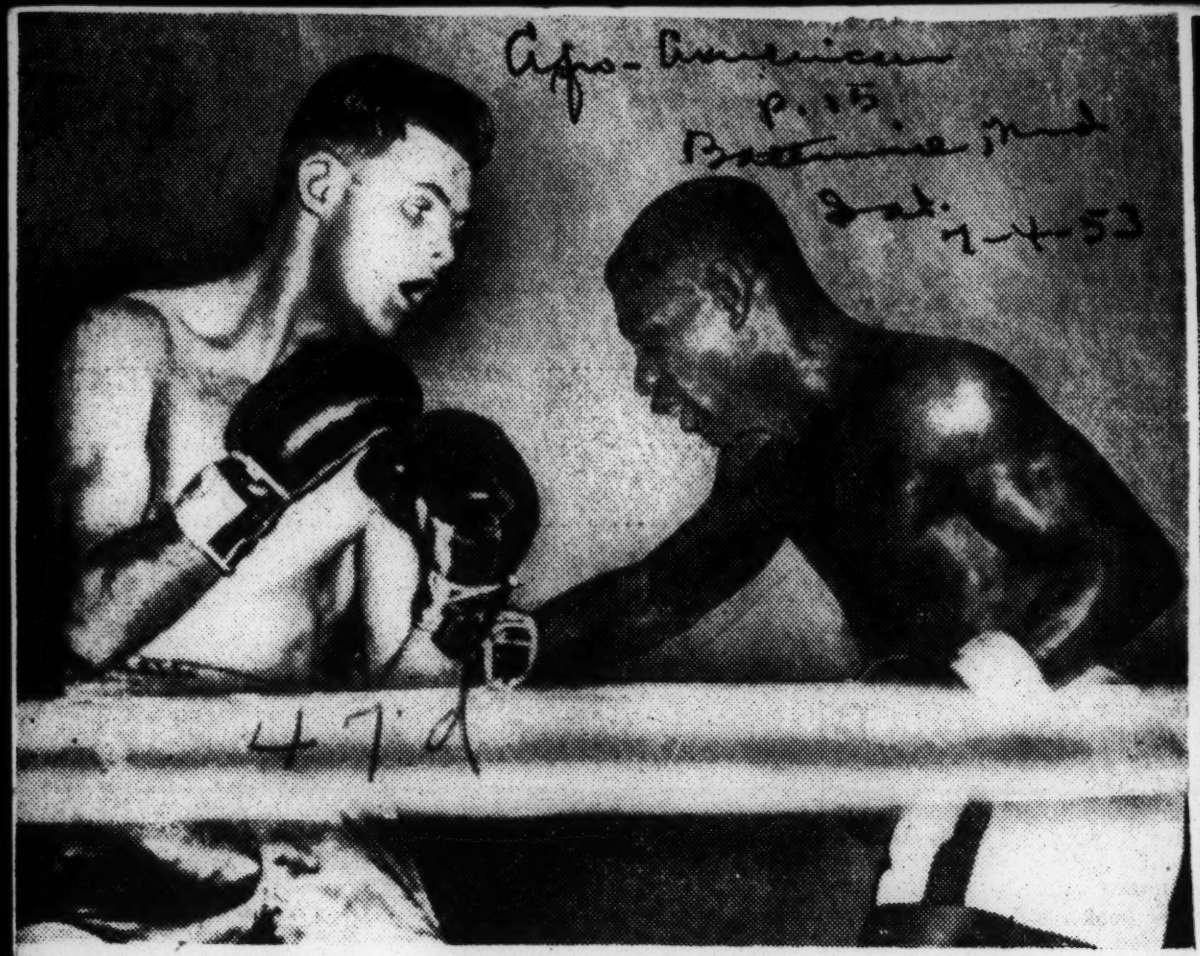
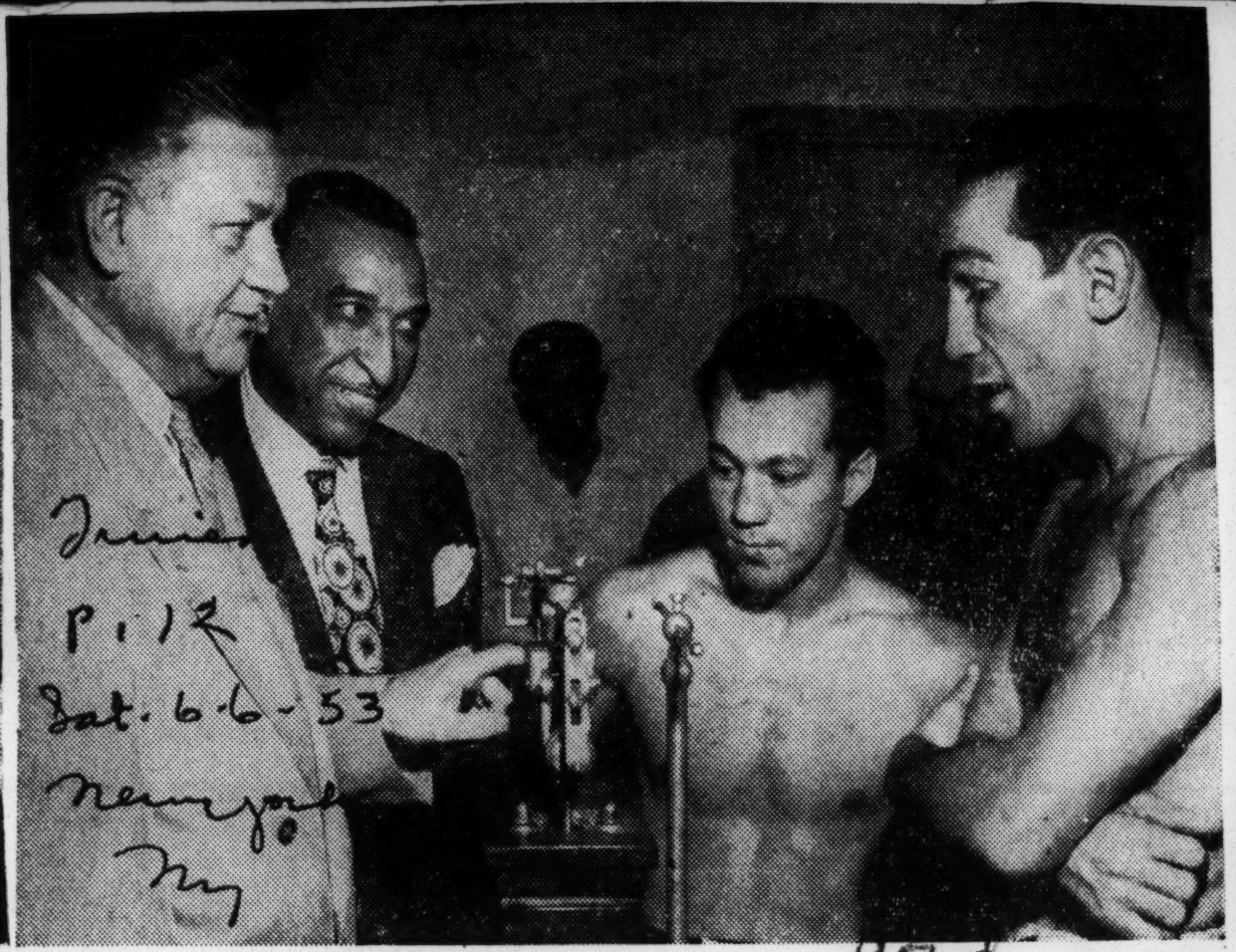
GOLF, NOT FIGHTING is what Joe Louis (right), former heavyweight champion, and Sugar Ray Robinson (second from left), former middleweight champion, are enjoying these days. Joe shows Teddy Rhodes, UGA champion (at left), Robinson and Chester Batey (second from right) how he grips his driver. While in Chicago last week for a theatre engagement, Joe had Rhodes iron out some flaws in his swing. Rhodes accompanied Joe to Indianapolis before going to Houston to play in the Houston open. Robinson flew out to Chicago to play golf. (Defender photo)



END OF THE LINE—Teddy (Red Top) Davis, of Hartford, Conn., pummells the midsection of Tommy Collins, West Medford featherweight, in the sixth round of their 10-rounder last week in Boston. Davis scored a TKO over Collins in the last minute of the 10th. Collins announced that he will hang up his gloves.



The New York Times

AT PEP-MARCUNE WEIGH-IN: Willie Pep tipping the scales at 127¾ after Pat Marcune registered 129½ for feature bout at Garden last night. Checking the weights yesterday afternoon are Robert Christenberry, left, State Athletic Commissioner, and Dr. C. B. Powell, depu

BOXING ROUNDUP

Thumbs Down on Bascom Protest; Woodcock May Get License; Robinson Needles Gavilan

MILWAUKEE, May 5—(AP)—Weeping Wes Bascom got no consolation Tuesday from the Wisconsin State Athletic Commission after his emotional protest of the TKO he dropped to Dan Bucceroni Monday.

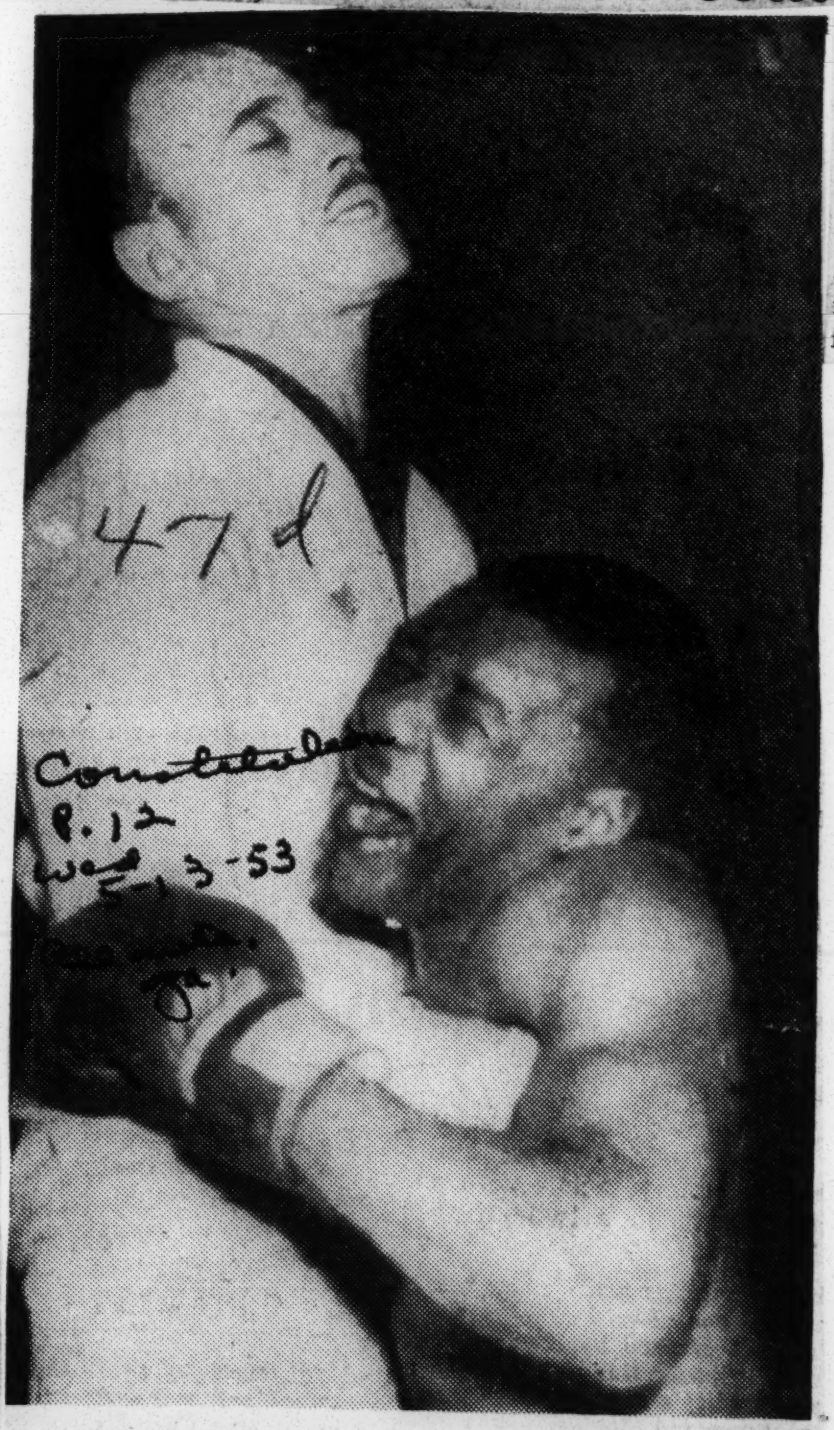
Bascom burst into tears and banged his head against the floor when Referee Ted Jamieson stopped at 2:16 of the seventh round the scheduled 10-round bout.

"He has no grounds, there's nothing to hear," said WSAC secretary Fred Saddy. "In the opinion of the referee, Bascom was badly hurt. Maybe he acted one or two punches too soon, but we had rather be on the safe side. . . . There's no basis for a hearing and there will be none.

LONDON — Bruce Woodcock, badly battered British boxer who "quit the ring forever" in 1950, may get his wish for a comeback at 33. A British boxing board has recommended a new license for Woodcock.

CHICAGO—Jersey Joe Walcott clowned through five sparring rounds, but his trainer said he was feeling bitter toward Rocky Marciano, whom he fights a week from Friday night for the heavyweight crown of the world. Said Trainer Dan Florio: "Joe just looks like he's fooling around, but I've never seen him as mad toward anybody as he is towards Marciano."

NEW YORK—The manager of retired middleweight champ Ray Robinson said Robinson would come out of retirement to battle Kid Gavilan should Gavilan defend his welter title successfully against Danny (Bang Bang) Womber. Womber is managed by George Gainford, as was Robinson. Gainford quoted Robinson as saying that he (Robinson) instructed Womber how to defeat Gavilan in their nontitle bout Saturday. Insiders consider it an attempt to "needle" Gavilan into a fight against Womber for the title.



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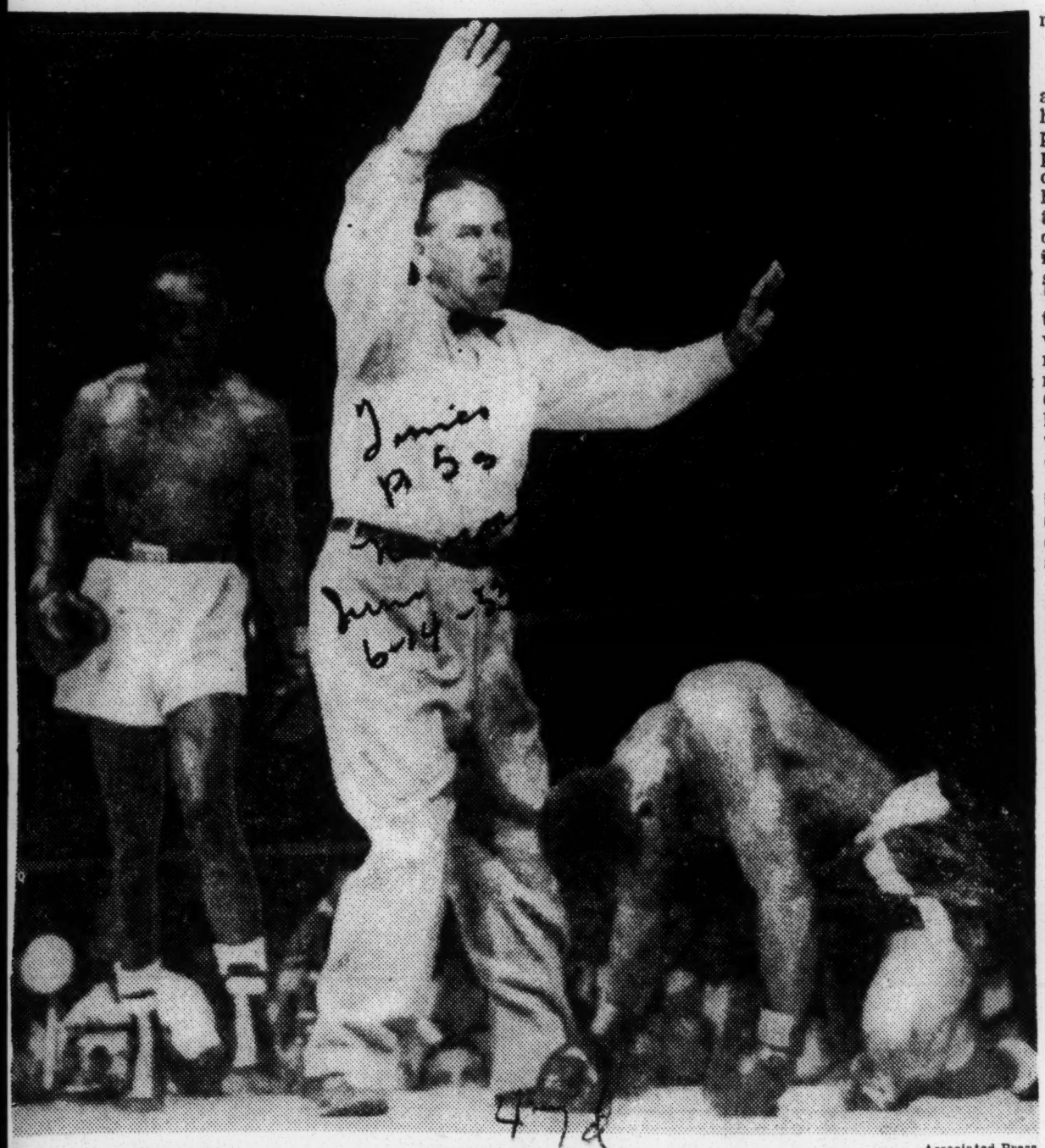
WES BASCOM WEEPS FREELY AFTER HIS DEFEAT

With Trainer Ted Mills After Monday Bout



Associated Press

STILL CHAMPION: Lightweight champion Jimmy Carter stands by as George Araujo starts to get up from a thirteenth-round knockdown in their scheduled fifteen-rounder at the Garden last night. Seconds later, Referee Al Berl awarded the fight to Carter on a technical knockout.

CARTER FLATTENS ARAUJO IN GARDEN

Retains Lightweight Title With Knockout at 2:16 of 13th Round Before 7,132

By JOSEPH C. NICHOLS

Jimmy Carter had little trouble keeping his lightweight championship of the world against the challenge of George Araujo of Providence at Madison Square Garden last night. While a gathering of 7,132 looked on the Bronx battler knocked out his foe in 2 minutes 16 seconds of the thirteenth round of the scheduled fifteen-round clash.

The end came when Jimmy floored his foe with a right smash to the face. Al Berl, the referee, did not bother to count over the fallen Araujo, who was a tired warrior indeed.

Although he was the betting favorite at odds of 8 to 5, Araujo showed little against the seasoned champion. As matters turned out, there was no reason for the match except to give Carter a chance at a good pay check.

Georgie went into the fray with a good record, but it was plain that he had failed to learn how to box on the road to the title clash. He ran continuously from the ever-advancing Carter and what effective punches he landed were mainly counterblows on openings presented by Carter's misses.

Little Damage Inflicted

Carter himself did not resemble any of the ring greats who once held the 135-pound crown. True, he pursued the unschooled, Araujo persistently, but he didn't do much damage once he caught up with his rival. His success came more as the result of the cumulative effect of his blows rather than the crushing force in his final right-hand smash.

Before going down in the thirteenth, Araujo had made two previous trips to the canvas. In the ninth Carter smashed a left and a right to the head and then wrestled George to the canvas. The challenger was up before a count, but was tagged by a long right to the ear that put him down again.

He was up without a count this time, too, but had little to offer Carter, who bounced a right to the chin that shook the Providence boy at the bell.

The cards of all three officials had Carter ahead at the end of the twelfth. Judge Bert Grant favored the champion by eight rounds to four, while Berl and Judge Harold Barnes scored it seven to five. This observer gave the champion nine rounds and Araujo three.

The challenger's running tactics gave him an edge in the opening round as Carter missed often in an attempt to reach him with left hooks.

Champion Finds Range

Carter found the range quickly, however, and easily tagged Araujo with lefts and rights through the second, third and fourth.

In the fifth Araujo showed an excellent jab, and drew blood from Carter's forehead. But after that it was one dreary round on top of another in which Jimmy chased and hit.

The challenger rallied slightly in the twelfth with a left to the head but this flurry failed to slow down Carter.

Carter came out strong for the thirteenth, and threw a right that in missing, caused him to fall to his glove-tips. As he arose he met a two-fisted head barrage, but he ripped two hands back into Georgie's mid-section, then threw the right smash to the face that put Araujo down for the finish.

Jimmy weighed 135 pounds and Araujo 132½. The receipts were $36,511.

In the eight-round semi-final, Miguel Berrios, 131, Puerto Rico, outpointed Tommy Reed, 131, Philadelphia.

Another eight saw Ludwig Lightburn, 132½, Cuba, defeat Ben Miloud, 135¾, Casablanca.

There were two four-rounders on the card. Harold Gomes, 121¼, Providence, defeated Art Mullen, 122½, Philadelphia, and Pat Flood, 143¼, Yorkville, beat Mike Estrada, 138¼, the Bronx.

Carter TKOs Araujo in 13th To Retain Title

NEW YORK, June 12 (AP).—Jimmy Carter, 135, moving ever onward with stolid face and cut right eye crumpled top-dancing George Araujo, 132½, with his solid body punching tonight to hold his world lightweight championship by a technical knockout victory in 2:16 of the 13th round at Madison Square Garden.

Referee Al Berl signaled an end to the contest as the 22-year-old challenger from Providence, R. I., sunk to the floor under a hard right that doubled him up. The 29-year-old champ from New York twice floored Araujo for counts of two and three in a ninth-round explosion that broke the fight wide open.

CARTER CATCHES FOE

Up to the ninth there were times when it seemed the challenger, bouncing in and out as he flicked jabs to Carter's face, might be able to dance his way to the championship.

Always Carter was the pursuer, grimly plodding after his rival with the determination of a man who has known hunger and wants no more of it.

Lashing out with sudden fury in the ninth, Carter crashed home a hook to the body. As Araujo fled toward his own corner, the champ drove a long right to the point of the jaw. Araujo sunk suddenly without warning. He was up at a count of two but in trouble.

ARAUJO FLOORED AGAIN

Carter seemed determined to end it there as he pressed the attack, dropping Araujo with another right to the chin. This time Araujo took a three-count from the knockdown timekeeper.

Another smashing right to the jaw halted Araujo in confusion and he stood in a daze as the bell rang to save him. He was led back to his corner.

7132 SEE BOUT

This was a startling turn of events to the crowd of 7132 paying $36,511 to see the nationally televised event.

Up to the ninth, Araujo was leading on the official cards. But that bombing took all the spring from his legs. He never again was able to do more than flick punches at the advancing champion until he could move no longer.

Referee Al Berl and Judge Harold Barnes scored it 7-5 in favor of Carter up to the 13th. Judge Bert Grant had it 8-4 for Carter. The AP card agreed with Grant.

Retreating from Carter's steady attack, Araujo managed to escape in the 10th and 11th although Dr. Vincent Nardiello, New York State Athletic Commission, visited his corner to check on his condition after the 11th. It was no contest after the knockdowns.

This was the first time Araujo was stopped in 52 pro fights in a career dating back to 1949. It was Carter's 61st victory in 83.

After the 10-knockdown defense against Tommy Collins at Boston, April 24, and his bombing of Araujo, Carter has earned recognition as a true champion.

CARTER RISKS TITLE TONIGHT IN ARAUJO BOUT

Champion Underdog in Lightweight Match

New York, June 11 (AP)—George Araujo of Providence, R. I., will try to win the world lightweight title from Champion Jimmy Carter, 29, tomorrow night in a 15 round match in Madison Square Garden. Television of the bout will be carried in Chicago via WNBQ at 9 p. m.

Normally a champion who floored a man 10 times in his last defense, as Carter did Tommy Collins in Boston April 24, would go into his next fight as a heavy favorite. That is not the case.

The betting odds probably will be even when they climb into the ring for New York's first title

bout in almost a year. The favorite, if any, is Araujo by a slim decision.

Lost, Regained Title

Carter knocked out Ike Williams May 25, 1951, for the title and never has appeared in New York as champion—defending in Los Angeles, losing the crown in Los Angeles to Lauro Salas, and winning it back in Chicago five months later.

One reason for the lack of strong support for Carter is his spotty record in nontitle bouts. He drew with Freddie Herman last winter and was beaten by

Jimmy Carter

George Araujo

Eddie Chavez and Armand Savoie this year.

Carter has 22 knockouts among his 60 victories in 82 fights. He has lost 15 and drew seven. The only time he ever was stopped was in 1947, a year after he started, when Charles [Cabey] Lewis did the job.

Champ Predicts K. O.

Carter claims Araujo will be ripe for a knockout due to George's habit of holding his left hand low as he bounces in, trying to draw a lead and ready to counter.

Araujo, only 22, is faster than Carter. He has a 49-2-1 and has knocked out 30 opponents, 22 of them in the first four rounds. He never was stopped and claims he was floored only once. Araujo has whipped Sandy Saddler, the featherweight champion, Arthur King, Paddy De Marco, Joey Brown, and Red Top Davis. His only defeat was suffered at the hands of Johnny Gonsalves in Boston Sept. 15.

Carter will receive the big share of the money—42½ to 17½ per cent. In case Araujo wins, there is a 90 day rematch clause with a 30-30 split of the gate.

WILLIE KETCHUM
... The manager

JIMMY CARTER
... The Champion

SAMMY CHERIN
... The trainer

Lightweight Champ 'Horatio Alger'

First Bouts Were Lean; Now Carter is Smarter

By BARNEY WATERS
Herald Sports Writer

Three years ago, a hungry fight manager and a hungrier fighter hadn't had a fight in four months and a Cincinnati promoter gave them an offer.

"I'll give you $500 to fight Bud Smith," said the promoter.

"Five-hundred!" cried the hungry fight manager. "Bud Smith is undefeated!"

"All right, I'll give you $550," answered the Cincinnati promoter.

"I'll take it," said the hungry fight manager.

And that's how the fight between undefeated Bud Smith and James Carter of New York came to be.

Three years later, an insignificant story in the sports pages read.

"Willie Ketchum, manager of Jimmy Carter, offered $25,000 by Cincinnati promoter to fight Bud Smith."

"I still remember that extra $50 you gave me," said Ketchum to Sam Becker, the same Cincinnati promoter.

And that expressive little tale is the story of lightweight champion Jimmy Carter, who fights Charlie (Machine Gun) Thompson at the Bayfront Park Auditorium Saturday night.

It's been a long grind for Carter since that March 28 night in 1950. The same year, he had only three fights and cleared less than $1,000 for the 12 fiscal months.

But Tuesday night, a dapper, suit-clad Carter arrived in Miami, owner of the lightweight championship and seeker of the welterweight crown.

"We'd sign for Kid Gavilan in a minute," Ketchum said when asked if the fight against Thompson is the start of a "welterweight campaign." Thompson will outweigh Carter some 10 or 12 pounds.

"The New York Commission won't okay the Gavilan fight," added the colorful manager.

"Why don't we fight somewhere else? Because the fight belongs in New York. It would be a natural. It'd draw a $250,000 gate.

"We're negotiating for a fight against Aragon (Art, another welter) on the coast . . . sometime in October," answered Willie as to his future plans this year.

Whatever the plans are, they include entrance into the welterweight ranks, where the crowds get larger and the money, bigger.

You can't blame them, for Carter's rise is known as one of the roughest of all the champions.

After scraping through to a title fight against Ike Williams, Carter scored a 14th round knockout only to find out that he'd fought before the smallest gate in the lightweight championship history.

"I hate to remember those things," Ketchum winced, looking at trainer Sammy Cherin, who accompanied the champ.

Then someone said something about the Sept. 24 heavyweight bout between champion Rocky Marciano and Roland LaStarza.

"I saw that LaStarza work out the other day," injected Willie. "Boy, the way he talks, all he's gonna do is look at Marciano and Rocky'll go down."

"I like Marciano, myself," he quickly said, "But the way that boy talks."

Back to Saturday night's fight, it will be sort of an "Old Home Week" for Carter, Ketchum and matchmaker Jimmy White.

White matched Jimmy for his first fight in Newark, N. J. in 1946 against Cliff Bordies.

"It was a four-rounder," White recalled.

But something must be said about one of the highlights of Carter's career.

That was that night several months ago in Boston, when Tom Collins had one Jimmy Carter too many.

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By ARTHUR DALEY

A Touch of Class

"HELLO, Jimmy," said the Right Rev. Msgr. Cornelius J. Drew, a note of surprise in his voice. "It's nice to see you again." Jimmy Carter, the lightweight champion of the world, shuffled in embarrassment as he stood in the rectory of St. Charles' Church in the heart of Harlem. Jimmy isn't much on words. He uses them sparingly.

"I don't know just how to begin, Father," he said stumblingly. "I'll always be grateful to St. Charles for what it's done for me. I learned how to box in the basement gym of your school. If it hadn't been for your gym—well, I don't know what I'd be today."

"Yes, Jimmy," said the monsignor gently, trying to ease his embarrassment.

"Well, Father," blurted out Jimmy. "I understand you're trying to raise a million dollars for a community center for all of Harlem. Although I'm not a Catholic, would it be all right if I made a little donation?"

"Wonderful, Jimmy," said the priest. "I'm more touched by the spirit behind your giving than the gift itself."

Tough Sledding

Even as champion Carter never did have a pay day of any consequence until he bounced Tommy Collins like a rubber ball in a Boston ring. So Monsignor Drew, a very understanding man, was ready to concede that a $25 donation would be quite generous. But the day after the visit a check from Carter arrived at the rectory. The monsignor gasped. It was for a thousand dollars.

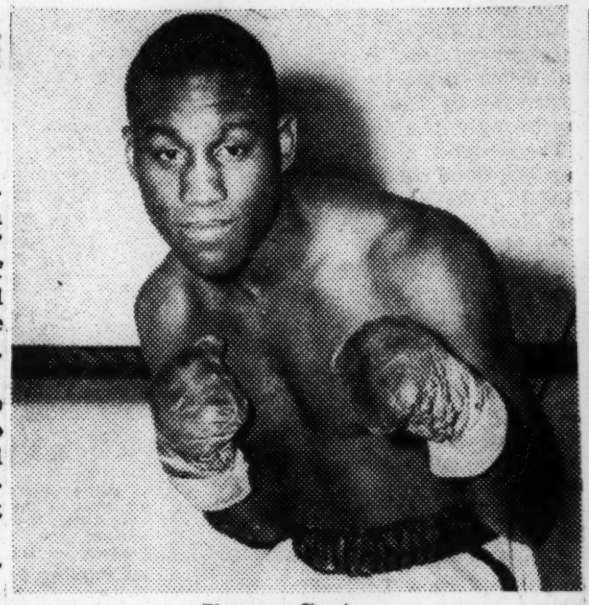
This same Jimmy Carter will defend his championship against the clever George Araujo in Madison Square Garden on Friday and he won't even be the favorite. However, folks have made a habit of underestimating Jimmy Carter. He's no Benny Leonard but he is an extremely competent performer whose very competence had prevented him from accumulating more coin of the realm.

As an amateur he wasn't much. He fought for the Catholic Boys' Club of Harlem, engaged in only one Golden Glove bout and lost. But he learned more while in the Army and then he really began to learn his trade in the gym.

Dennis Pat Brady was the king-pin at Gleason's. Day after day he mixed with Carter, not gentle sparring matches but actual fights. Brady had no trouble with him in the beginning. The ringsiders, though, soon noticed that the margin of Brady's superiority was diminishing fast. Soon Carter was the boss. They knew then that he was destined to be a good fighter.

Starvation Diet

The trouble with Carter, however, was that he virtually fought his way out of business. He was so tough that none of the contenders wanted any part of him, one of those inexplicable vicious circles that too frequently enwrap the boxing game. In 1950, for instance, he got only fights for a take-home wage of not



Jimmy Carter

than $300. Stumblebums were earning more than that for just one bout.

It seems a mystery now how he ever contrived to get into the same ring with Ike Williams, the lightweight champion, in May of 1951. Maybe Williams also underestimated him. But Jimmy knocked out Ike in the fourteenth round to become the new champion of the world. Bewildered boxing fans couldn't help but ask: Who's Jimmy Carter?

They were still wondering a few months later when Carter met Art Aragon, California's Golden Boy, in an over-the-weight match and lost.

"We wuz robbed," screamed Jimmy's manager, Willie Ketchum.

"Don't holler," said Jimmy quietly. "Get me a return. I can lick him."

He did.

Out and In

In May of 1952 Jimmy put his title on the line against Lauro Salas, another Coast idol, in Los Angeles. Salas outpointed him.

"We wuz robbed," screamed Ketchum once more. "It was a home-town decision.

"Maybe not," said Jimmy thoughtfully. "It was close and maybe I did lose it."

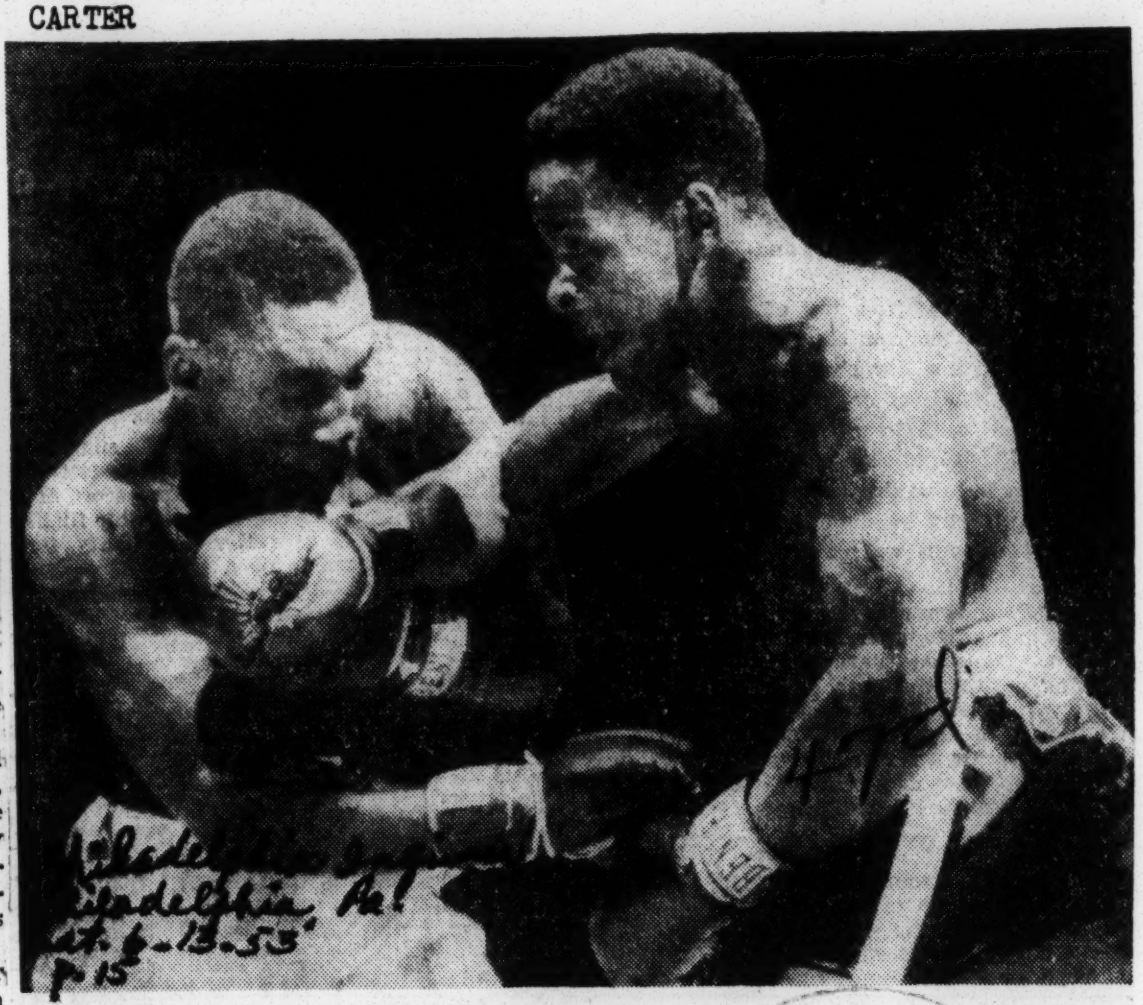
That statement obviously is a violation of all union rules. Fighters never make such admissions—unless, perhaps, they are completely honest, the way Jimmy Carter is.

But his championship went to Salas only on a lend-lease basis. Jimmy proved it some six months later when he boxed the ears—and the crown—off Salas. He had regained his championship.

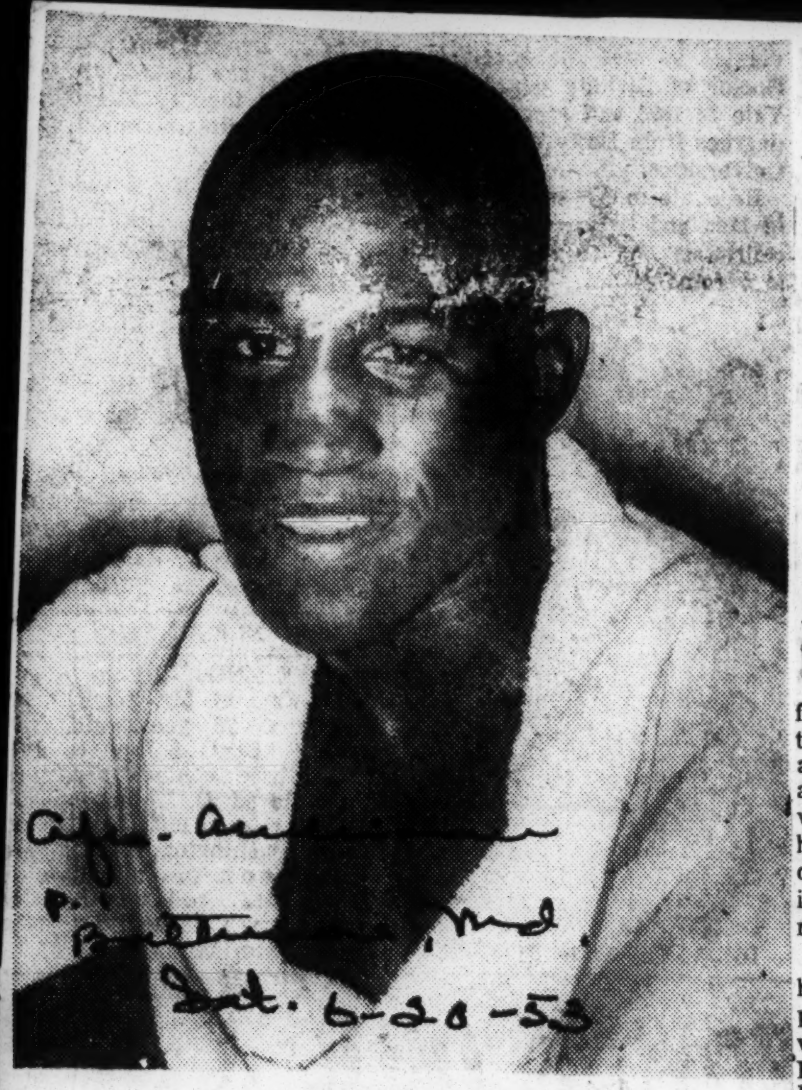
Even at that, only the dyed-in-the-wool followers of pugilism had ever heard of him. But the bout with Collins, which also is known as the second Boston Massacre, made millions of television viewers suddenly aware of Carter. To them he is the most ferocious hitter since Jack Dempsey played yo-yo with Luis Angeles Firpo.

Actualy he is only a good hitter just as he is only a good boxer; good, but hardly great. But he is so much above the average that he doesn't lick easily. George Araujo may discover that for himself on Friday.

JIMMY CARTER



Challenger George Araujo (right) hits champion Jimmy Carter with a glancing right in first round of lightweight title bout last night at Madison Square Garden. Carter, however, retained crown by TKOing rival after 2:16 of 13th. (Ap Wirephoto)



JIMMY CARTER
Retains lightweight title by beating George Araujo by TKO in 13th round.

'Solid Right-Hand Blow Turned Tide'

Champion Says Araujo's Left Bothered Him; Used Same Style

NEW YORK—Lightweight Champion Jimmy Carter said, Saturday night, he was not sure of victory in his fight with George Araujo until the ninth round, when he stung Araujo with a long, right-hand blow.

"It was not a good solid shot because he was moving away when I caught him but I could see that I had stung him. It was a very wide right hand blow."

Used Same Style

Carter said at no time in the fight did he change his style of attack.

"It might have seemed like it to some but I followed my same style all the way through and kept the same pace I set for myself. I kept moving in all the time just as I planned to do. Araujo was constantly moving back and I had to move forward to make a fight of it," he said.

When the champion was asked if Araujo had hurt him at any point in the fight he answered that he had not. "He bothered me with his left hand quite a bit," Carter said.

Waited For Chance

"He kept jabbing his left in a cut on my eye and each time he did this the blood would flow down into my eye and hamper my vision but even then I refused to change my style of attack. I just kept moving in and waiting for my chance.

Carter was asked who helped him to plan the strategy of his fights and whether or not the plans change as the fights go on or if he always sticks to his prearranged attack.

Watches For Weakness

He answered that he himself generally figures out the way he would go after an opponent and then goes out and tries that way. "The manager and I get all the facts we can on a fighter and then he'll say to me, this guy's a slugger or a boxer or a cutie, and I'll take it from there as to which way I am going out after him. Once I am in the ring I don't usually change. I just stay in there and watch for a weakness."

Carter had just returned to his home from a neighborhood shopping tour with his wife when he was interviewed by the AFRO. He is an ardent family man looks forward only to being home with his wife and children.

Veteran ring observers agree that his victory over Araujo was one of the most calculated title defenses the Garden has seen in a long time.

Scores TKO Over Araujo In The 13th

NEW YORK — Jimmy Carter has his eyes focused on the welterweight crown now worn by Kid Gavilan.

Early last week Johnny Bratton, former king of the welterweigths, hurled a challenge at Gavilan after decisioning Danny "Bang Bang" Womber, the Chicago welter who defeated Gavilan in a non-title bout last month.

Now comes Jimmy Carter, light weight title-holder demanding a chance to fight Gavilan for the welterweight crown. Carter put in his bid for the title immediately after scoring a technical knockout over George Araujo, 22-year-old challenger from Providence, R. I., in the 13th round of a scheduled 15-round title bout in Madison Square Garden.

CLEANS UP DIVISION

Willie Ketchum, Carter's pilot, said he would post a $2,000 forfeit this week for a title shot at Gavilan. Said Ketchum:

"There's nobody left we can get money with, so we'll go after Gavilan."

Araujo was on the floor for the third time when Referee Al Berl stopped the bout and gave the Providence fighter the first knockout in his career of 53 professional fights.

Araujo had left-jabbed his way to a lead going into the ninth round but was knocked down twice for counts of two and three and was practically out on his feet at the bell.

But the game fleet-footed Araujo evaded Carter in the 10th and 11th and rallied in the 12th and beginning of the 13th.

Early in the 13th the challenger spun Carter to the floor with a left hook. The 27-year-old champion was bleeding from two cuts in his right brow and his right eye was swollen almost shut.

REF STOPS BOUT

It was shortly after this that Carter hit Araujo with a right on the chin and then a right smash to the body dropped him. The referee then stepped in and stopped the bout.

The officials had Carter ahead as follows: Referee Berl, 7-5; Judge Harold Barnes, 7-5; Judge Bert Grand, 8-4.

The gross gate of $36,511 and the $50,000 fee for national broadcasting and television provided Carter with a purse of $33,104 and Araujo an estimated $13,403.

Later in his dressing room Araujo said: "I guess I'm still an amateur when I get knocked down. I was more surprised than hurt."

Carter, who weighed 135 to Araujo's 132 1-2, hit too hard for the converted southpaw who actually is about half way between the featherweight and lightweight divisions.

On guard—Lightweight Champion Jimmy Carter (left) blinked as challenger Armand Savoie crossed with a right in the fourth round of their championship fight at Montreal last night. But Carter wasn't doing much taking. He retained his title by knocking Savoie out in the fifth round. (Associated Press wirephoto.)

After kayo of Savoie—

Champ Carter seeks shot at welter king

BY MURRAY ROSE

MONTREAL, Nov. 12—(AP)—Lightweight Champion Jimmy Carter, winner of three straight title fights by knockouts, today sought a crack at the winner of Friday's Kid Gavilan-Johnny Bratton welterweight championship bout.

After knocking out rangy Armand Savoie of Montreal last night in 59 seconds of the fifth round with "the best single punch (a right) I ever threw," Carter immediatelly put in a pitch for a shot at the welter crown.

"There ain't nobody left in the lightweights now for Jimmy," said Manager Willie Ketchum, the loquacious member of the New York combination, "so he might as well go for the welterweight title."

"The NBA said there wasn't any logical contenders in their last ratings," said Willie. "We could make big money with a Gavilan match—and money is what we're after."

"Anything Willie says goes," said Carter. "A welterweight title fight is fine with me."

The champion had a slight cut over his left eye as the result of a head collision with the 23-year-old Montrealer in the fourth round. Savoie had a similar gash.

Carter said the kayo punch "was a beauty—the best single punch I ever threw—travelled just about three inches."

(To ringsiders it appeared to be about 8 to 10 inches.)

"I was looking for the opening and he gave it to me."

"I saw it (the right) coming fast," said the disgusted 23-year-old loser. "I was faking a left to the body and we both threw the right. He was lucky."

CARTER, a 1 to 3 favorite, was trailing on the score cards of the three voting judges until he loosened with his blockbuster. A series of thumping body blows set the aggressive French-Canadian up for the kayo wallop.

He appeared to have swept the first three rounds with long range left and rights and short left hooks to the head. But in the fourth stolid Jimmy went to work. He ripped at Savoie's body with short, thumping blows and hurt the challenger with a left-right-left combination to head and body.

The same three judges who handled their non-title bout, worked last night. Johnny Gow had the fight even at 2-2, Rene Ouimet had Savoie in front, 2-1-1 while Leon Germain had the local pride leading 3-1, and the AP had Savoie leading, 3-1.

The referee does not vote here.

Carter, a lackluster performer in non-title fights but a terror when his coveted crown is on the block, thus evened up another old score.

IT WAS HIS eighth fight of the year and his third title kayo within seven months. He stopped Tommy Collins in four rounds and Georgie Araujo in 13 in earlier defenses.

There was no radio or television of the fight but a beer sponsor paid $15,000 for the TV rights. The sponsor, however, couldn't put on the fight for technical reasons. Another $3500 was put in the till by sale of the moving pictures. Carter received a flat guarantee of $25,000. Savoie collected about $6000.

Carter weighed 133½, Savoie 134.

CARTER KO'S SAVOIE IN 5TH; RETAINS TITLE

Fight Decisions

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

At Montreal—Jimmy Carter knocked out Armand Savoie [5], world lightweight title; Jerry Simpson and Don Supple drew [4]; Charlie Chase and Bobby Malouf drew [4]; Gaby Paliotti knocked out George Dubois [1]; Claude Fortin stopped Denis Jacques [3].

At Washington — Willie Troy knocked out Randy Sandy [7].

MONTREAL, Nov. 12 (AP)—Jimmy Carter of New York City wrecked another home town boy challenger for his lightweight title last night when he knocked out Montreal's Armand Savoie in 59 seconds of the fifth round with a right to the jaw.

Dropped flat on his back from the force of Carter's wallop, the 23 year old Savoie gamely tried to beat the count. He was on his hands and knees as Referee Tom Sullivan reached the 10 count.

Both fighters were cut around the left eyes in the fourth round when Carter started to press his attack after letting Savoie take the lead in the early rounds. The 29 year old champion, who weighed 133½ to Savoie's 134, set up the knockout with body smashes earlier in the fight.

Third '53 Title Defense

It was the third successful 1953 defense for Carter, a 3 to 1 favorite, who previously stopped Tommy Collins and George Araujo. The same three judges who gave Savoie a non-title split decision over Carter last February officiated last night.

Promoter Raoul Godbout announced a paid crowd of 9,136, a gross gate of $53,719 and a net of $46,855. Carter got a $25,000 guarantee and Savoie 12½ per cent of the gate.

Savoie on Offense

The angular French Canadian carried the fight to Carter in the early rounds. Jigging up and down at long range, he would pepper Carter and then grab to escape body punishment. After a slow first round, Savoie drew cheers with a rally in the second and again in the third. Just before the end of the third, a left-right-left combination stung the champion.

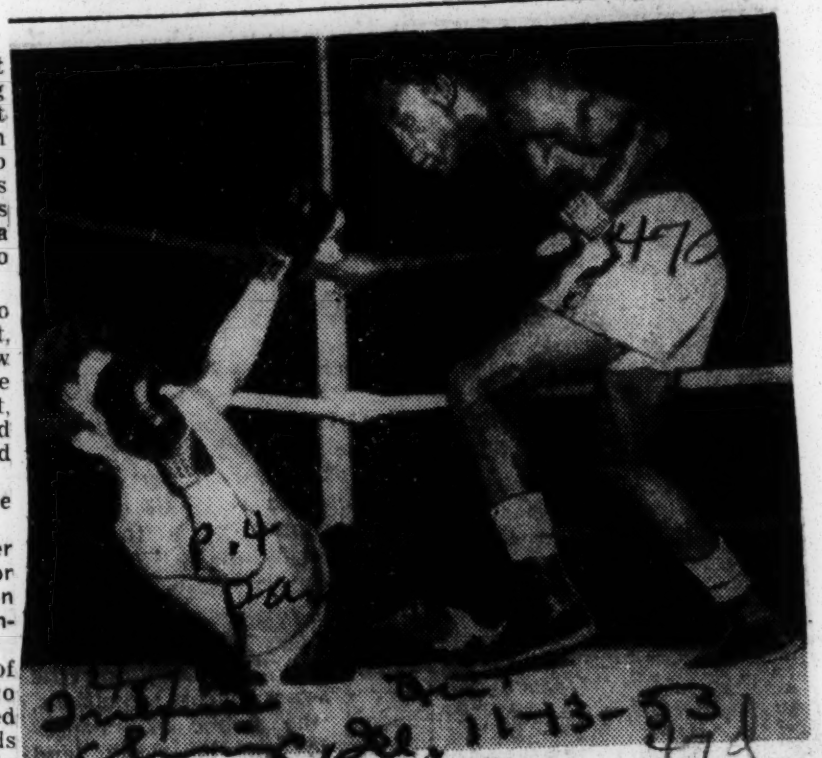
In the fourth Carter's hook to the body and a solid smash to the jaw hurt Savoie. Carter drove home another series midway in the round and wound up with a right-left combination to the body. Blood leaked from a newly opened cut at the side of Savoie's left eye and from a slice over Carter's left eye.

This was the eighth title bout for Carter who won the championship, lost it to Lauro Salas and won it back from Salas last year.

PROPOSE DAVIS BOUT

Boston, Nov. 12 (AP)—Boxing Promoter Sam Silverman said today he had offered Jimmy Carter, lightweight champion, $35,000 to defend his title against Teddy [Red Top] Davis of Hartford, Conn., in the Boston Gar-

SAVOIE DOWN AND OUT



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Jimmy Carter, world lightweight champion, floors Armand Savoie of Montreal for full count in fifth round of scheduled 15 ound bout in the Montreal Forum Wednesday night.

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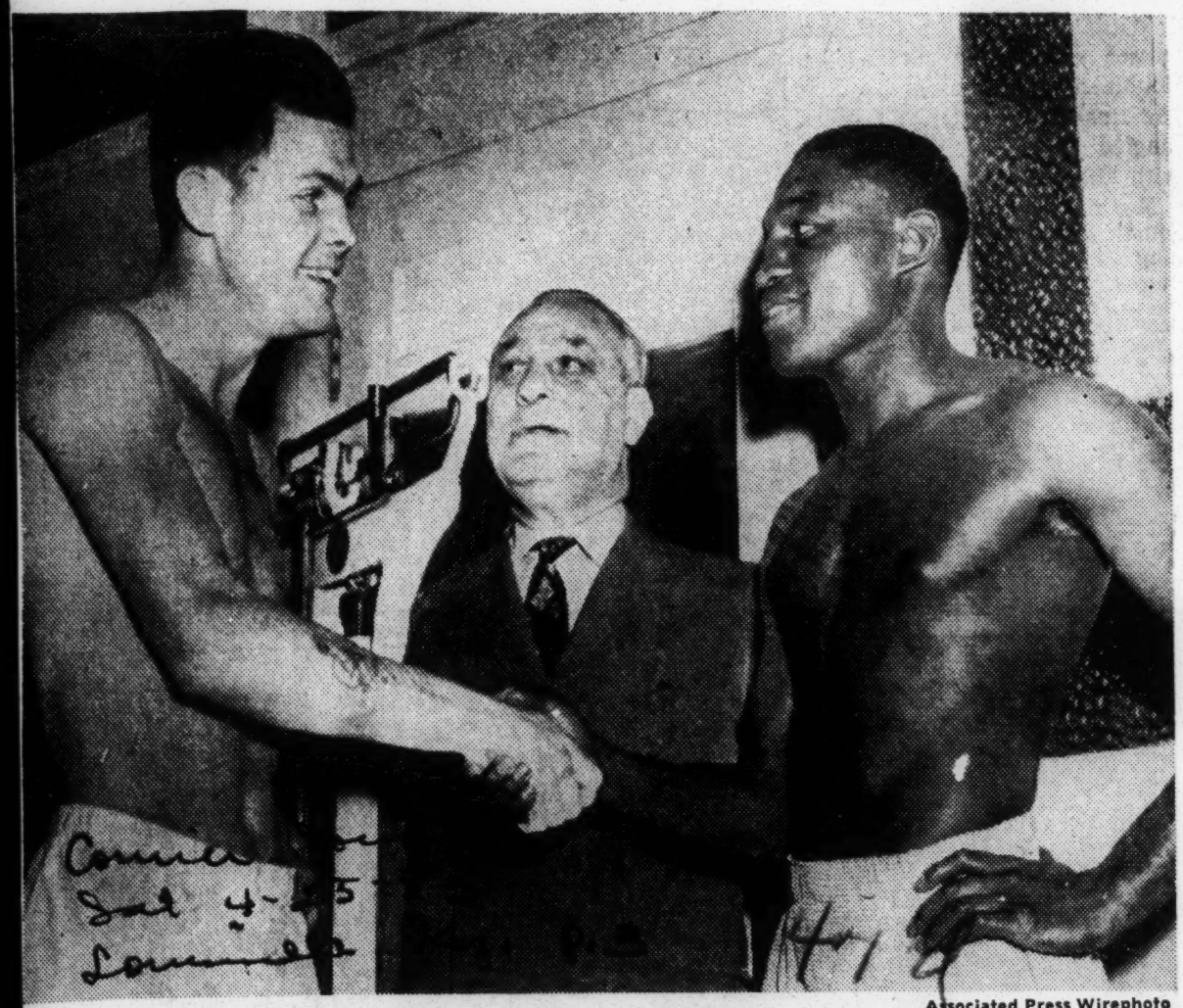
Silverman said Davis' victories over George Araujo of Providence and Tommy Collins of Boston made him the logical contender.



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BEFORE THE BATTLE—World lightweight champion Jimmy Carter, right, of New York and challenger Tommy Collins, left, of Boston shake hands at weighing-in ceremonies at Boston for their 15-round title fight last night at Boston Garden. Looking on is Tommy McFarland of the boxing commission. Carter weighed 134½ and Collins 133¾.

Slaughter Ends In 4th!

Carter Sends Collins Down 10 Times In Keeping Title

By The Associated Press

Boston, April 24.—Lightweight Champion Jimmy Carter savagely knocked down Tommy Collins 10 times for a fourth round technical knockout in their title bout here tonight.

A decidedly partisan 13,477 crowd at Boston Garden roared "Stop it" repeatedly before Referee Tommy Rawson halted the slaughter of the Bostonian at 2:28 in the fourth. But the end came only after one of Collins' seconds jumped into the ring while his hapless battler was taking his 10th and final count.

Rawson said, "Every time Collins pulled himself upright, I asked him 'Are you all right, can you continue?', and each time he replied, 'I'm fine.'

"Since it was a championship bout, I regarded it as my duty to see that it ended in decisive fashion. But I had to stop it when one of Collins' handlers (Coogie McFarland, brother of Boxing Commissioner Tommy McFarland) jumped into the ring while I was counting over him for the last time. I acted in accordance with the Massachusetts Boxing Commission's regulations."

Officials Won't Comment

Present at ringside were Boxing Commissioners Henry Lamar, a new appointee, and McFarland, who two-year term is about to expire.

"I have no statement to make at this time and will have none to make tonight," Lamar said. And McFarland echoed his colleague's words.

Immediate reports from nearby television stations were that many viewers had telephoned protests, describing the hopelessly one-sided affair as "a disgustingly brutal exhibition." The radio described the slaughter of Collins on a national hookup.

Despite his terrific battering, Collins sided with the referee after reaching his dressing room.

"Of course I don't think Rawson should have stopped the fight earlier," Collins said through puffed lips. "It was for the world championship. Why should they have stopped it?"

Crown Boston's Biggest

Carter came in a half-pound inside the lightweight division's 135-pound limit and Collins was 133¾. He was at his heaviest while becoming a knockout victim for the eighth time in his 67 professional fights.

The crowd provided the largest boxing gate in Boston's history, a gross of $152,655 and a net of $123,577. Carter was reputed to have defended his title for a 37½ per cent of the net receipts and the same share of the $50,000 television fee. The savagely punished Collins' drew 22½ per cent of both revenues.

The aggressive Collins went down for the first time under a tremendous left to the law early in the third round, after losing the first two sessions. The Bostonian took the compulsory eight-count and fought back in gallant fashion.

But the cool Carter dropped him five more times, for nine-counts, in the third session before the bell came to the rescue of the hopelessly beaten Bostonian.

Referee Asks About Condition

While Collins was taking that cruel punishment, Referee Tommy Rawson inquired about his condition at every opportunity.

There were only about five seconds left in the third round when Collins arose for the sixth time. His face was battered and his left eye closed almost tightly.

When the game Boston youngster came wobbling out for the fourth, the efficient Carter belabored his body with both hands. Then he dropped Collins for the seventh time with a right to the jaw.

Collins barely pulled himself upright. But he made a courageous attempt to continue the grossly uneven battle. Carter stalked his reeling challenger and dropped him three more times.

The bout probably was the most cruel and uneven battle in that medium's history. For, at no time during the 11 minutes, 28 seconds, did Collins indicate he was a worthy opponent for the deadly Carter.

'Felt Sorry For Him,' Says Jimmy Carter

Declares Foe He Knocked Down 10 Times 'Wouldn't Stay Down'

By JAMES L. HICKS

NEW YORK—Jimmy Carter, lightweight champion of the world, sat in his comfortable So. Ozone Park home Saturday morning and said he felt the referee should have stopped his Friday night fight with Tommy Collins earlier than he did.

Carter revealed that Collins was still dizzy after the fight. He said after the fight " a photographer came over and asked us to pose. He put Collins' arm around my neck. Collins looked at me and said, "what happened?" When I did not answer he asked me again "what happened?" I felt sorry for him and said 'It's all over, Tommy boy.' "

'Just Lucky'

Carter did not have a single scratch on him when the AFRO arrived at his home. "I was lucky," he said. "Just lucky."

"I don't understand why they let the fight go on," Carter said. "I was really surprised. Collins has a lot of heart, he's a great kid but the beating he took will not help him at all."

Carter said when Collins got up from the floor after the first knockdown he (Carter) began a flurry of punches in an attempt to put him down again and make him stay down.

Changed Tactics

But he said when Collins got up for the third and fourth time he decided to change his tactics and stop rushing in madly throwing punches and tiring himself out.

"I then started jabbing him with my left hand to make him drop his guard, in hopes that I could get an opening for a good right hand to put him away," he said. "I did this over and over again and he went down but he wouldn't stay down.

"I think that kid was so confused he just continued to get up automatically.

"I started out in the first round with a body attack to weaken him. In the second round, I shifted my attack to his head to confuse him. When he started going down I got in close and looked at his eyes. I said to myself, 'Gee I must be hitting this fellow pretty hard but he won't stay down.'"

Carter said Collins "stung" him in the first round with a right hand but he said he was never in danger of being knocked out though the blow did hurt him.

When he was asked, when he felt he really "had" Collins, Carter said, "I didn't feel I had him until the referee stepped in

and stopped the fight. I had seen he was dizzy but he kept getting up and I didn't know how long he would continue to get up so I just kept punching him."

Mother Sympathetic

Carter's mother, Mrs. Lillie Mae Carter, who lives with the champion and his wife and three children at 117-18 145st in South Ozone Park said she felt the fight should have been stopped

"I felt sorry for Collins," Mrs. Carter said. "As a mother I always pray that neither one of them in there will get hurt too badly."

When this reporter expressed surprise that Carter had arrived back in New York on the morning after the fight, Mrs. Carter said proudly, "He's a great family man just like his father, the late Rev. Matthew Carter."

Carter who trained for his fight at Chatham, N.J., said he had been away from home almost two months and that as soon as the fight was over "I wanted to get home to my wife and kids." There are three children, Jimmy, three years old; Pearl, one, and Alice, an infant.

Was 92nd Fight

Jimmy walked around the house and assisted his white neighborhood playmates in getting into the house so they could get the champion's autograph. Carter obliged them all. Carter told the AFRO this was his 92nd fight. He said his toughest fights were with Ike Williams, Art Araujon and Lauro Salus. He won them all.

Declaring that Joe Louis has always been his idol, Carter said he is trying to avoid some of the financial mistakes Louis made. Family man that he is, he lives modestly in a beautiful new home which is comfortable but not lavish.

Carter is looking around for good sound investments and on Monday was scheduled to meet with a friend, Phil Ripstein, with whom he will map plans for the establishment of a package liquor store.

NOT A SCRATCH — Lightweight Champion Jimmy Carter, with not a single scratch as an earmark of his slaughter of Tommy Collins in Boston Friday night, poses on Saturday for an AFRO photographer in front of his South Ozone Park Home, Long Island, N.Y., with his three-year-old son, Jimmy Jr., and a neighborhood pal of the son who came to get the champion's autograph.

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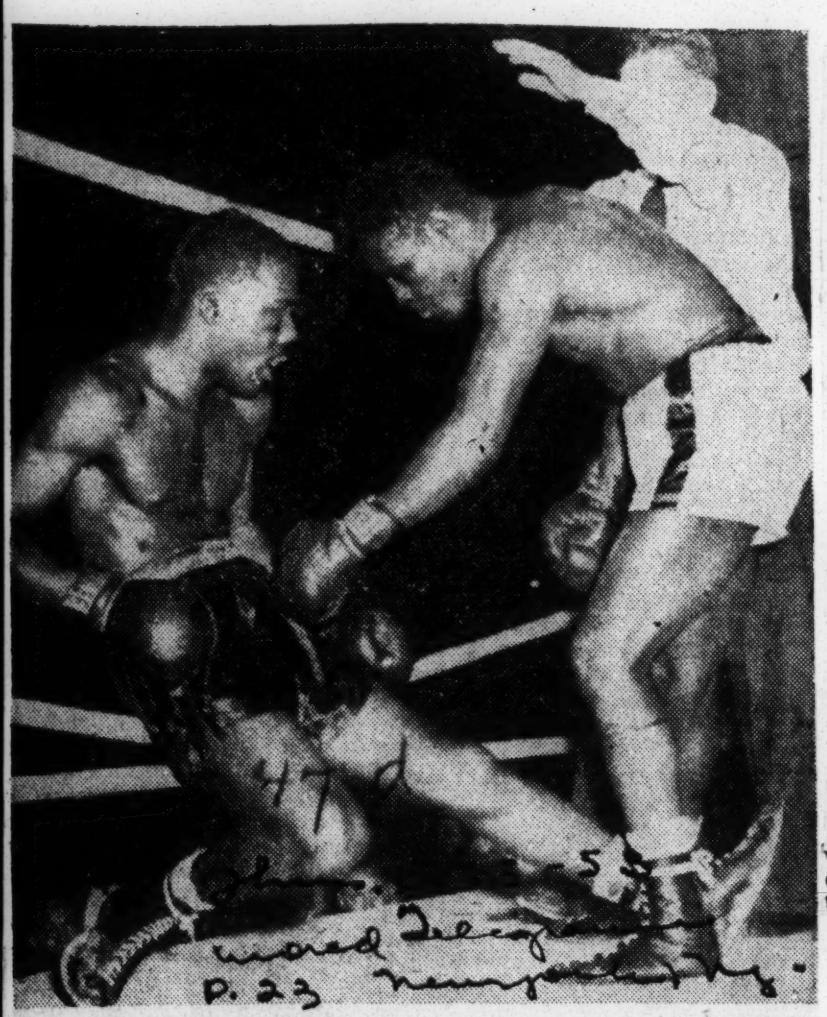
Ezzard Charles



SAGGING SADLY: Ezzard Charles abruptly ended the heavyweight hopes of Wesbury Bascom in a scheduled ten at St. Louis last night. Here the former heavyweight titleholder has Bascom weary and sagging on the ropes in the ninth round, when referee Dick Young stopped the action. United Press Photo.

—Gavilan Runs Into Stonewall—

Ez Charles Regains Title— As Busiest of Heavyweights

NEW YORK, Feb. 5 (AP).—If Ezzard Charles isn't the best heavyweight around, he certainly must be the busiest. The former champ's appearance in Detroit last night against Tommy Harrison of Los Angeles was his sixth fight in 17 weeks.

Ezzard Charles Easy KO Victory

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Ezzard Charles, former heavy weight champion, said today that his easy knockout victory over Larry Watson was "just further proof" that he was entitled to another shot at the heavyweight title.

Charles dropped Wason to the canvas six times before the Omaha, Neb., light heavyweight went down for the final time in the fifth round of their scheduled 10-round bout at the Milwaukee Arena Tuesday night.

Rocky Marciano, the current heavyweight champ, was at ringside. He had never seen Charles fight before and said he was "impressed" by Charles' style.

Charles didn't show him too much, however, as he put Watson away without using his explosive right hand. Charles relied almost entirely on his left hand, battering the outweighted and outclassed Watson with jabs and hooks.

Jake Mintz, Charles' co-manager said he was not going to schedule any more fights until he learned whether Charles would get a chance to meet Marciano for the title.

Stonewall Jackson

Since Charles lost that disputed decision to Rex Layne at Agden, Utah, last August, he has whipped Bernie Reynolds, Cesar Brion, Jimmy Bivins, Frank Buford, Wes Bascom and Harrison.

After a 1000-mile overnight shift of training quarters, Welterweight Champion Kid Gavilan settled down to work in Chicago's Mid West Gym today, only two pounds over the 147-pound class limit..

The entire Gavilan troupe, fighter, trainer and sparring partners, flew to Chicago last night after the Cuban Keed wound up his heavy work at Summit, N. J

Gavilan gave sparmates Al Niant, a lefthander, and Stonewall Jackson, of Washington, D. C., a good pasting in his final New Jersey workout, prepping for his February 11 Chicago Stadium defense against southpaw Chuck Davey, unbeaten Michigan State grad.

The television boxing networks probably will reach into the Southwest for the first time to bring a bout from Dallas, Tex., to the regular Wednesday night audiences March 18.

The International Boxing Club is trying to line up a match, probably featuring Bobby Dykes of San Antonio, Tex., to meet the sponsor's request.

Nino Valdes Scores Unanimous Decision Over Ezzard Charles

BY STUART G. BAIRD
International News Service Sports Writer

MIAMI BEACH — (INS) — Nino Valdes, the lumbering but unheralded heavy weight champion of Cuba, dropped a two-fisted bomb on the come-back plans of Ezzard Charles Tuesday night at Miami Beach with a unanimous ten-round decision over the favored Cincinnati boxer.

Charles, who figured to use the fight only as a breather, was way off in his timing and scarcely resembled the slugger who racked up five straight one-sided victories this year.

Valdes, who has had but 33 fights in 12 years as a professional bored in constantly on his seasoned opponent.

The six-foot three inch underdog also used his 18-pound weight advantage to keep the ex-world heavy weight champion at bay.

Valdes also produced a stinging left jab that apparently was totally unexpected in the Charles corner.

The winner scored with his left constantly while using his vaunted right with equal ease.

There were no knockdowns, but Charles suffered a cut left eye in the ninth round.

Valdes was razor sharp in the middle rounds, stopping Charles short with a right and left in the sixth and eighth. Charles flurried briefly in the seventh, but Valdes gained the upper hand near the bell by staggering his foe on the ropes.

Charles, who weighed 191 and one-half to Valdes 209 and three-quarters, came out ready to mix it from the seventh round on, but the stalking Cuban turned the tables and flailed him off each time.

It was Charles ninth loss in 92 battles and will assuredly bring some change in his ranking as the number one contended to the crown of Rocky Marciano.

Valdes said he would challenge the winner of the Marciano-Rolland La Starza fight in the fall.

Charles said of the loss:

"He never hurt me. I feel I was just too sluggish, but if I had to fight him again, I don't know whether I would try to lose any weight or not."

After battering Layne—

Ezzard Charles' heavyweight stock rises

BY RUSS NEWLAND

SAN FRANCISCO, April 2—(AP)—Onetime Heavyweight Champ Ezzard Charles, back in the title hunt with a smashing 10-round win over tough Rex Layne, told the boxing world today "I think I can beat anyone now."

The 31-year-old Cincinnati Negro put on one of the finest battles of his lengthy ring career when he battered the Leviston, Utah, gamester into a bloody hulk last night at Winterland.

Millions of nationwide television viewers and 7500 fans at the indoor arena saw Charles floor Layne four times—in the first, sixth, seventh and 10th rounds.

BURLEY REX gained his feet every time but the beating he took probably will shelve him for weeks. He suffered cuts near both eyes and under the lower lip.

Charles, fighting for a title shot, beat Layne in savage fashion.

He pounded the 203-pound Rex in the mid-section and belted his head with stinging left hooks and sharp right crosses to the face. Layne was groggy from the sixth round on.

The decision was a mere formality. Referee Frankie Carter and Judge Toby Irwin each gave it to Charles, 59-51. Judge Johnny Lotsy called it 60½ to 49½.

California's scoring system is 11 points to the round. The state athletic commission requires a fighter to take a count of at least eight when knocked down.

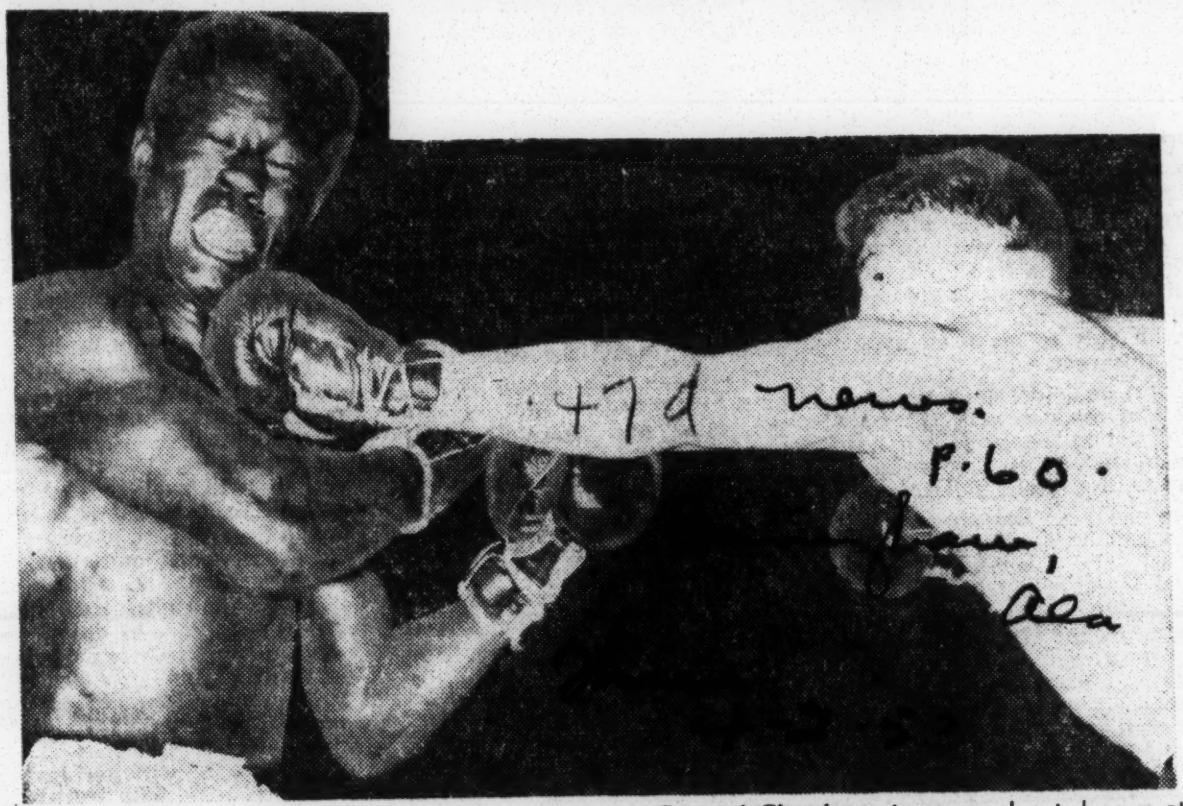
CHARLES WEIGHED 187½. Layne, although 151-5 pounds heavier, was practically helpless at times before Charles' pounding. But Rex' game rallies drew cheers from the near-capacity crowd.

Layne's best showing was in the second round. He connected with Charles' jaw and threw some left hooks to the body that gave him a slight advantage.

The fight grossed $34,083.50, with television receipts adding $25,000. The principals each received $7500 of the TV money and 30 per cent of the net gate.

Charles, unmarked after the brawl, said he would challenge the winner of the Rocky Marciano-Jersey Joe Walcott championship rematch at Chicago April 10.

"I feel I've earned another shot at the title," Ezzard said. "I'd rather fight Marciano for the title. I think his style is made to order for me."



On the target—Former heavyweight champion Ezzard Charles winces as he takes a stiff left from Rex Layne (right) in the second round of their 10-rounder at San Francisco last night. Charles came hammering back to win a unanimous decision. (AP wirephoto.)

LAYNE WENT to one knee in the opening round from left hooks to the chin. He was up at once and no count was started because it was not a complete knockdown.

In the sixth Charles floored Layne with a head and body attack. Rex got up and reeled along the ropes. The referee counted eight and the round ended shortly after.

Charles used his opponent for a punching bag in the seventh and Layne, his face covered with blood, finally went down to a straight right to the nose. He staggered up but took a count of nine.

The ex-champ poured on his relentless attack again in the 10th and Layne sagged to the canvas with nine seconds to go. Rex struggled to his feet, took a count of eight and groped along the ropes when the bell ended the bloody battle.

Charles was warned between the third and fourth rounds about low punching and the crowd booed him after the fight.

The crowd was estimated at about 5,000, although the attendance and gate were not announced because of a mixup in the office.

EZZARD CHARLES TOPS LARRY WATSON EASILY

Omaha Boxer Floored Seven Times Before Knockout

MILWAUKEE, May 26.—(AP)—Ezzard Charles, former heavyweight champion, knocked Larry Watson down four times in the fifth round, Tuesday night before the Omaha lightheavyweight finally was knocked out at two minutes 50 seconds of the round before a slim crowd at the Milwaukee Arena.

A brutal body attack gave the Cincinnati Negro his 10th straight victory in his comeback campaign for a shot at the title now held by Rocky Marciano, who watched Tuesday night's fight from a ringside seat.

Watson, who gave away 13¼ pounds, was down once in the third and twice in the fourth rounds of the scheduled 10-rounder before Charles opened up full throttle in the fifth. Watson weighed 175½ and Charles 188¾.

Davey's Trainer Makes Signal And That's The End For Chuck

By JOHN P. CARMICHAEL

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CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—The gong sounded for the 10th round, Issy Kline, who wore a white sweater with 'Chuck Davey' spelled across its back in green letters, half-turned toward the center of the ring and made a palm-down gesture with his right hand.

It was a mute, helpless expression of resignation that sealed a pact made back in 1949 when Davey was just launching his quest for the golden fleece and Kline had taken charge. "We'll always have the final say on a fight," insisted Issy . . . and Chuck crossed his heart and promised to honor bright.

So the bell rang, five years later, with Kid Gavilan ready to come out of his corner once more . . . and Davey still on his stool, his face puffed and spotty . . . and only his courage unspoiled by the champion's fists. That's when the challenger's corner called the turn for the first time in Chuck's career.

Obey The Mandate

There was nothing for Davey to do but let the bell go unanswered . . . to swallow the dictates of his heart . . . and obey the mandate of his handlers that they, according to his pledge knew best . . . !

The red on Davey's cheeks and chest, as he sat in his dressing-room, had been put there by Gavilan. So had the hurt look in Chuck's eyes and the slight tremor in his muscles as he lifted a cooling liquid to his lips.

Nothing like this had ever happened to him in 40 previous fights through which he strode unbeaten to the throne-room.

His downfall began when he weighed in, nine hours before the fight, at ½ pound overweight and had to strip to his birthday suit to balance the bar. He looked a little seedy even then . . . and when he came out of his corner for the first round, his unshaven face made him look more messy than grim.

Never A Time

There never was a time when Chuck had the opper hand. He had none of the speed, the verve, the pin-point dexterity that had woven a spell over his followers. He won one round (the fourth) on our scorecard and maybe got a draw in the sixth. He was a guy who had bitten off more than he could chew.

Gavilan tired Chuck out by backing up. The Kid's copyrighted flurries made Davey miss.

If there was anything that the Michigan State graduate proved, he proved it by taking it.

The champ was too smart for Davey, too calloused, too casual. He took a sort of a bird's-eye view of the fight for two rounds and then moved in with a rush that floored Chuck for the first time.

The inference was plain: Gavilan had decided he had nothing to fear . . . that he could be boss at his pleasure.

Fight Another Day

From then on, the champ fought his own fight. The pressure which he must have expected from Davey failed to materialize. And, as a final touch of irony, Gavilan came out for the fifth round in a southpaw stance of his own as if to mock the efficacy of the style which made Chuck famous.

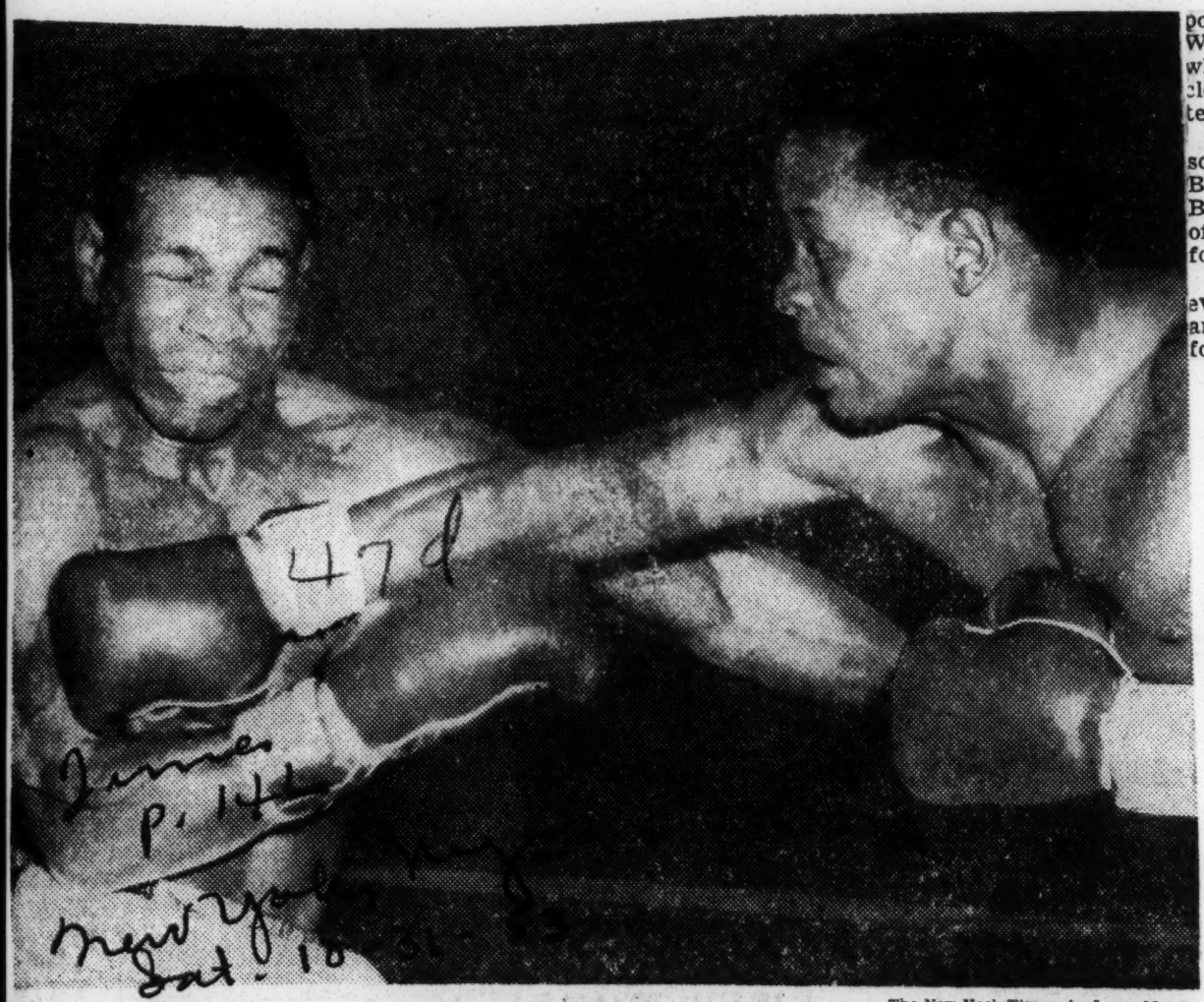
Davey, of course, will live to fight another day. Outside his quarters stood Sam Pian, who managed such champions as Tony Zale and Barney Ross. Long ago Sam had said:

"I'm afraid he (Chuck) isn't ready yet; not for a smart guy like Gavilan." He stood as a prophet in his own home town but he didn't make capital of it.

"He's got a lot of ticker," said Sam, "and he's going to beat some good fighters before he's through. But if that other guy (Gavilan) was too tough for Bratton and Turner and Billy Graham, he had to be too much for Davey."

Now Davey has two degrees. You might call this newest one the third degree. It's school-of-hard knocks colors are black . . . and blue . . . and red. Its alumni are legion . . . and its class motto is that you learn the hard way.

There's nothing wrong with that, the way Davey took his lumps.



The New York Times (by Larry Morris)

AFTER CATCHING ONE ON CHIN: Teddy (Red Top) Davis, left, is momentarily stunned by a long overhand right from George Araujo in the second round of last night's fight at the Garden.

ARAUJO IS BEATEN BY DAVIS FOR TITLE

Hartford Boxer Upsets Rival for New England Laurels in Garden 10-Rounder

By WILLIAM J. BRIORDY

Teddy (Red Top) Davis of Hartford, Conn., won the New England lightweight championship last night by gaining the unanimous decision over George Araujo of Providence, R. I., in the feature clash of ten rounds at Madison Square Garden. Davis weighed 130½ pounds, while the favored Araujo scaled 133½.

It was not exactly an exciting fight. In fact, the gathering of about 3,000 greeted the action of the warriors with considerable booing during part of the match.

There was little punch-trading between Davis and Araujo until the last few rounds. After taking the sixth round from Araujo for a low blow, Referee Ruby Goldstein strongly urged the warriors to mix it more freely in the seventh, eighth and ninth frames.

Davis Is Aggressor

Davis was the aggressor in the "rubber" match with his rival. Araujo took their first engagement last March, with Davis defeating the Providence boxer on Sept. 10 in Boston for the New England laurels. The Massachusetts Boxing Commission had obtained permission of the New York State Athletic Commission to call last night's contest a title affair.

Goldstein gave six rounds to Davis and three to Araujo, calling one even. The judges, Bert Grant and Joe Eppy, each voted for the Hartford fighter, 6—4. Not a single knockdown was registered.

Araujo scored frequently with stinging left jabs, but Davis registered the more telling shots. Davis wound up strongly. He rocked Araujo with a left hook and a right to the head in the ninth and then unloosed a two-fisted attack in the tenth. Probably the most solid punch was landed in the sixth, when Davis clipped Araujo with a jolting right to the jaw.

The 28-year-old Davis, a top-ranking featherweight, has had 101 fights, winning fifty-three and losing forty-six. He has fought two draws. Araujo has won forty-nine of fifty-five tests, including one draw.

The last previous New England championship to be decided in New York was on May 20, 1927, when Heavyweight Jack Sharkey beat Jim Maloney.

Kelly Takes Semi-Final

In the ten-round semi-final which saw both lads swap punches freely, Brian Kelly, 138, a lightweight threat from Niagara Falls, Ont., defeated Richie Crump, 139¾, the Bronx. Crump staged a game finish in the last three rounds, but the early lead established by Kelly proved too great to overcome.

Making his first start here, Saveuer Chiocca, 140¾, Paris, outpointed Danny Joe Perez, 140¼, West Side, in ten rounds. Chiocca, who showed promise of becoming a clever ringman, scored the more telling blows to gain the decision.

Johnny Hoye, 213, the Bronx, scored a technical knockout over Bill Coffey, 196¼, also of the Bronx, in 2:24 of the first round of the opening bout scheduled for four rounds.

In a four-rounder after the main event, Elmo Lincoln, 171½ Newark, and Johnny Jenkins, 174, Harlem, fought to a draw.

Nino Valdes Upsets Ez Charles in 10

Favorite Slugs Futilely, Muffs Title Shot Chance

MIAMI, Fla., Aug. 11—(AP)—Nino Valdes of Cuba sprang one of the year's biggest boxing upsets tuesday night, punching out a unanimous 10-round decision over former heavyweight champion Ezzard Charles as Charles tried vainly to turn slugger.

The stunning upset virtually crushed Charles' chances for a shot at the winner of the Rocky Marciano-Roland LaStarza championship fight next month.

Valdes won going away. He took advantage of his superior reach and weight to keep Charles off balance with a pesky left jab.

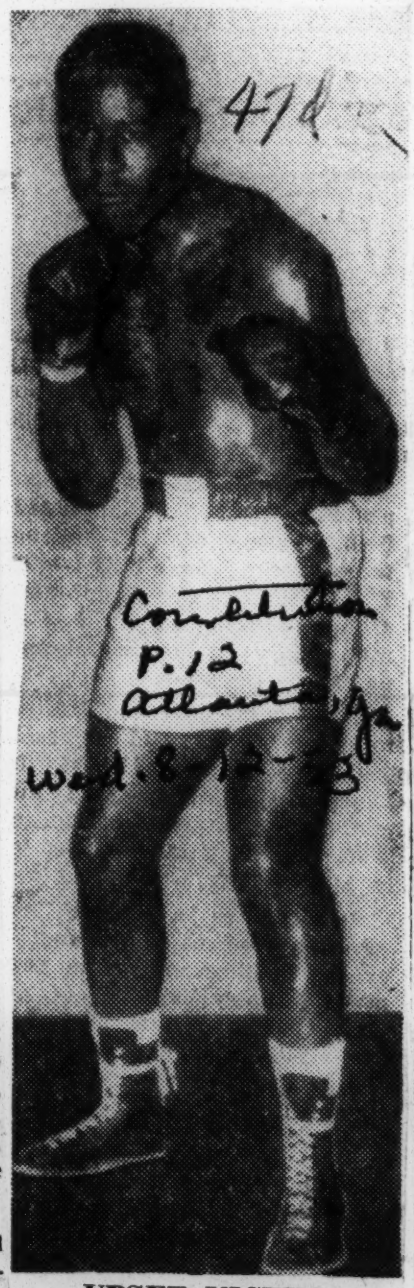
Charles repeatedly tried to get inside the guard of the 209¾-pound Negro from Havana, Cuba, but Valdes hooked and counter-punched well to pile up a decisive lead.

There were no knockdowns, but Charles was hurt late in the fight by the Cuban's power-laden blows. Valdes had the ninth round taken away from him for a low blow, but Valdes was ahead on points anyway. The Georgia-born Negro, who now lives in Cincinnati, suffered a slight cut over the left eye in the ninth but it was not serious.

Both Judges, Morris Feingold and Gus Jacobson, scored it five rounds for Valdes, three for Charles and two even. However, referee Cy Cottfried had Valdes way out in front, seven rounds to two, with one even.

Charles, at 191½ pounds, was fighting at the heaviest weight of his career. When he tried to get inside the Cuban's guard, Valdes countered to the body. When Charles stayed outside, Valdes walked him across the ring with snapping left jabs.

NEW YORK — Aggressive Gil Turner hopes to better Kid Gavilan's par for the Ramon Fuentes course when he meets the Los Angeles welterweight in a 10-rounder at Madison Square Garden Wednesday night. Fuentes was floored by Gavilan but went the 10-round distance against the world champion in Milwaukee July 15. The defeat snapped Fuentes' win string at 14. His record is 19-2-2. The 9 p. m. (EST) bout will be on CBS-TV.



UPSET VICTIM
Ex-Challenger Ez Charles

Denied Title Go, Beaten, He Quits

NEW YORK—Ezzard Charles, former king of the heavyweights, is ready to hang up his boxing gloves.

The sleek Cincinnati boxer is tired after spending 16 years in the fight ring. His recent defeat by Cuban Heavy weight Champion Nino Valdez was the clincher.

Charles became disgusted with the fight game when he was refused a shot at heavyweight King Rocky Marciano, or a try at Roland LaStarza for the right to fight for the title. He was ready to hang them up then.

His manager, Tom Tannas, in whom he has a lot of faith, persuaded him to try again. Charles did but his heart was not in his work. The game he once loved has lost its lure.

WANTS TO BROADCAST

The former heavyweight king wants to be a sports broadcaster. He would like to tell the fans just what is happening. No longer does he want to be a participant.

Well fixed financially, Charles has provided for his family. He purchased for his mother an apartment house on 84th st. near Riverside dr. and his grandmother, and great-grandmother are living comfortably in one of his houses in Cincinnati.

Charles has four houses in Cincinnati, his home town. He has a lovely wife and two daughters. He likes to sit home in the evenings and listen to the radio or play his bass fiddle. Fighting has become difficult for him.

Ezzard began his brilliant boxing career in 1937 under the guidance of Bert Williams. That same year he won the Ohio Diamond Belt Welterweight championship. Later that year he won the State AAU title. He continued winning amateur titles in '38 and '39. When he turned pro in 1940 Charles won every amateur tournament he entered.

EZZARD CHARLES

MET THE BEST

He boxed his first pro fight in Middleton, Ohio. In 1940 at the age of 17 Charles engaged in 17 pro fights winning every bout. At the age of 18 he boxed Ken Overlin and Teddy Yarosz while attending high school.

Charles chased the lightheavyweight championship for years but did not get a chance at it. In 1949 he met Jersey Joe Walcott in Chicago for the heavyweight title Joe Louis had vacated temporarily.

In 1950 Joe Louis allowed himself to be persuaded to fight again. He met Charles in the Yankee stadium. Charles proved his master. Walcott received another shot at Charles in Detroit in 1951.

HIS DECLINE

Charles' decline began in 1951 in Pittsburgh, where he was starched by Jersey Joe Walcott. He failed to regain his title in Philly in 1952. Charles' pride was beaten.

He boxed around the country but his heart was no longer in the game. Nino Valdez paved the path for his exit.

Johnson Gets Big Chance: Charles Fight Tells Story

By JOHN WEBSTER

It will be interesting to see how Harold Johnson, who has been shunned by the name fighters as if he had the plague, rises to the occasion when his main chance arrives.

HAROLD JOHNSON

This will be one week from Tuesday night at Connie Mack Stadium. On that night, Harold, as hungry as any light heavy ever was, will be pitted against Ezzard Charles, No. 2 contender for Rocky Marciano's heavyweight crown, for 10 rounds. Harold feels sharp, looks sharp, is sharp, and fights as if his life went with it, that could be the time.

Very possibly, the winner in Herman Tayler's ring on Sept. 8 will be the next man to fight for the championship. Fight Marciano—unless one looks for an incredible upset when the Brockton Bullyboy risks the title against Roland LaStarza at the Polo Grounds, Sept. 24.

An announcement to that effect—the two fighters to meet—may be forthcoming from Jim Norris, head of the IBC, most any day.

OPPORTUNITY ARRIVES

For ever so long, Johnson, the Manayunk muscle boy; Tommy Loughrey, his elderly agent, and a large bloc of Harold's rooters have been insisting he needs nothing more than opportunity. Some of his showings have borne out that belief.

Harold, who has been working like a Trojan in his Manayunk gym, will beam around 178 pounds for the crisis. That means he'll spot perhaps seven-eight pounds to Charles, who is due from Cincinnati on Tuesday to wind up his work at the Met.

That concession won't prove too much of a hardship for Harold in the weight - for - age hookup. Charles, the former champion who was 32 last month, will be spotting seven years of youth to a famished fighter.

HE'S BEATEN BIGGER

If Charles is becoming eligible for the Sere and Saffron Sweepstakes, it's up to Johnson to disclose that fact. He's beaten bigger men than the Cincinnati slicker, one of whom, Nino Valdes, gave Ez a fine old hiding down in Miami Beach.

Ez may have been short of condition, as he claimed, for the Valdez duello. He was heavier than ever

EZZARD CHARLES

before at 191½. Yet eye witnesses told me that Charles, fighting a good fight, just was up against too much heavyweight. But Harold, at light heavy poundage, whipped 210-pound Nino, beating him 10 - for - 10 for a very unanimous decision in Brooklyn last November.

Arthur King, the Philadelphia lightweight, has been matched with Wallace (Bud) Smith, another Cincinnati product, for a 10-round televised bout at Eastern Parkway Arena, Brooklyn, Monday, Sept. 14.

A fortnight later in the same ring, Coley Wallace, young New York heavy, will be pitted against Billy Gilliam, Jerseyman (10).

Eddie Giosa, victor over Joey Bishop in a comeback bid, again is in demand, according to his manager, Garry (Fats) Barrett. Garry reports offers of fights from various points in the East for Giosa, who has slimmed down for a campaign in welter ranks.

SEEKS INHALER

Ezzard Charles yesterday asked Pennsylvania boxing officials to let him use an oxygen inhaler between rounds. The former heavyweight champ said he thinks a few whiffs of the gas might give him added speed.

CHARLES FACES HAL JOHNSON IN EAST TONIGHT

Both Battling for Shots at Titles

Philadelphia, Sept. 7 (AP)—Ezzard Charles, former world heavyweight champion, will fight Harold Johnson, the No. 2 light heavyweight contender, tomorrow night in a 10 round bout in Connie Mack stadium. It will not be telecast.

Ranked No. 2 in the heavyweight ranks behind Roland La Starza, Charles continues to harbor hopes for another shot at the big title despite the fact he was upset a month ago in Miami Beach by Nino Valdes. Another loss tomorrow night would just about end the Cincinnati Negro's chances of regaining the title he lost to Joe Walcott in June, 1952.

Johnson Is Ambitious

Johnson, who has beaten Valdes, the Cuban conqueror of Charles, expects to enter the ring tomorrow night at about 177 or seven pounds lighter than Charles, who has been established as a 2 to 1 favorite.

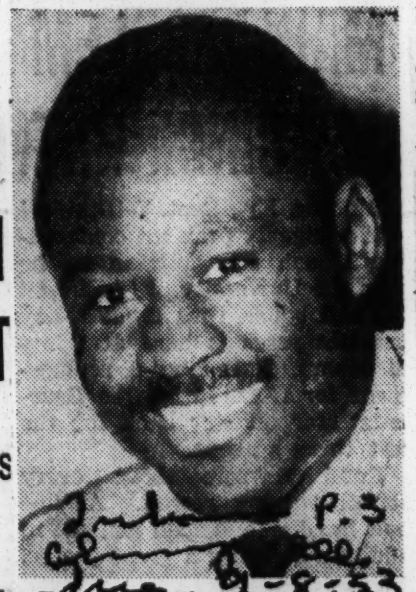
The Philadelphian expects to make this bout a stepping stone for a fifth shot at Archie Moore and the light heavyweight title, and move him into contention among the heavyweights.

Lost 3 Out of 4

Charles always has been effective against light heavyweights, and never has lost to Moore in their several meetings, while Johnson lost three of four decisions to the light heavyweight titleholder.

Promoter Herman Taylor said the fight will be held as scheduled regardless of the weather. A canopy will be rigged to cover the ring, located at home plate in the major league baseball stadium. No field seats will be set up for the bout.

In Action Tonight



Ezzard Charles, former heavyweight champion, who will fight Harold Johnson in Philadelphia tonight in a 10 round bout. Johnson is No. 2 light heavyweight contender.

Ez Charles Blasts Wallace in 10th

Coley Kisses Canvas Twice Before Ref Halts Battle

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16 (AP)—Former heavyweight champion Ezzard Charles, fighting for another crack at the title, stopped Coley Wallace of New York in the final round of their scheduled 10-round televised fight at Civic Auditorium tonight. Charles knocked Wallace down twice for the first time before Referee Frankie Brown stopped the fight in 2:43 of the 10th.

Charles weighed 190 and Wallace 201.

The lean Cincinnati Negro, who won the world title in 1949 and lost to Jersey Joe Walcott in 1951, gave his younger rival a thorough beating before walloping him out of action.

Wallace went down for a nine-count in the eighth and was down for the second time in the 10th when the referee halted the bout.

Except for the second round, which appeared fairly even, Charles was the clear master.

Charles, 32, had his 25-year-old opponent groggy with stiff rights to the jaw just before the bell ending the fourth round. Another right in the sixth round stopped Wallace in his tracks.

Wallace not only had age and weight in his favor, but his 6 feet 2 inches plus gave him a height and reach advantage over Charles. Experience paid off, however, as Charles methodically chopped him down to size.

Wallace was all in and ready to be taken when Charles dropped him for a nine count in the last round. Wallace got up, back-pedalled some, but was unable adequately to defend himself.

The ex-champ belted him on the whiskers again, Wallace went to the canvas and the bout was stopped.

The fireworks started in the eighth, when Ezzard connected with a tremendous blow to the chin that sent Wallace down. Coley took the last four of nine counts on one knee. After Wallace got up, he caught Charles coming in with a hard right that slowed down the ex-title holder and prevented further mayhem.

On the Associated Press card, Charles was leading 53½-45½ at the end.

Ez Charles Pegs Future On Coley Wallace Match

Meets Joe Louis' Movie Imitator In 'Frisco 10-Rounder Wednesday

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (AP)—Ezzard Charles, the former world heavyweight champion, meets Coley Wallace who is trying to follow the "Joe Louis Story" in real life as well as the movies, in the top boxing bout of the week Wednesday at San Francisco.

Wallace, winner of 19 of 21 pro fights, is ranked No. 6 among the challengers for Rocky Marciano's title while Charles is the No. 6 man behind Nino Valdes and Roland LaStarza.

The 10-rounder could mark a definite turning point in the career of both boxers. Charles can't afford another defeat after his upsets by Valdes and Harold Johnson, if he hopes to elbow his way into the ring with Marciano.

Wallace, fighting pro since 1950, has knocked out 15 among his 19 victims. He was stopped by Elkins Brothers and Jimmy Bivins. In his latest start he stopped Billy Gilliam. This is the usual Wednesday night fight on WAGA-TV.

Floyd Patterson, "Rookie of the Year," boxes Dick Wagner of Toppenish, Wash., Monday in the feature at Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway. Patterson, unbeaten in eight pro starts, had his toughest fight with Wagner last April at the same arena. The fight will be televised in Atlanta by WLWA.

Paddy Young and Billy Graham, a pair of New York Irishmen, top the Madison Square card Friday (WSB-TV and WGST radio, in a 10-rounder. Young lost to Bobo Olson in the finals for the American middleweight title last summer and Graham twice fought Kid Gavilan for the welter crown. They never met before.

Carmen Basilio, ranking challenger for Gavilan's welter title, fights Pierre Langlois, the busy Frenchman, Saturday at Syracuse, N.Y., on the Saturday night TV (ABC) show.

Gavilan Is 8-5 Favorite to Keep Crown Against Bratton Tonight

Welterweight Title Bout on TV and Radio

By Jesse Abramson

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—In what may be his last fight as a welterweight, win, lose or improbable draw, Cuba's Kid Gavilan is an 8-to-5 favorite to retain his world title against Chicago-bred Johnny Bratton in the Stadium tomorrow night.

Champion for two and a half years, the Keed will complete a cycle in the fifteen-round bout with Bratton. He is back where he started, for it was a fifteen-round decision over Bratton in Madison Square Garden in May of 1951 which established Gavilan as successor to Sugar Ray Robinson. Six months later Gavilan was held to a draw by Bratton in an over-the-weight match here. Gavilan always felt it was a hometown decision favoring Bratton.

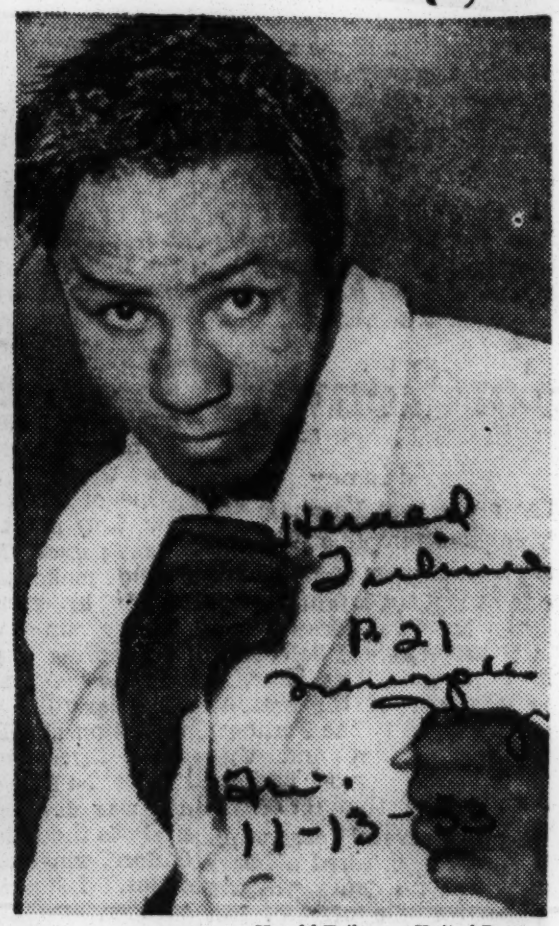
Gavilan will be making his eighth championship fight.

No Knockout Likely

Their third meeting is expected to draw 16,000 who will pay perhaps $150,000 at $15 ringside top at the gate, according to Truman Gibson, who is in charge of the local store of the I. B. C., with a local blackout extending 100 miles, the bout will be televised nationally by the regular Friday night fight sponsor, who is adding $40,000 to the receipts. It will be seen on Channel 4 in New York at the usual 10 o'clock hour.

Unlike the lightweight title fight in Montreal last night, there is only a remote possibility that either Gavilan or Bratton can win with a single punch as Jimmy Carter did when he took Armand Savoie out for the full count with a short, perfectly timed right cross in fifty-nine seconds of the fifth round.

In twenty-five rounds against each other, Gavilan and Bratton have failed to register a knockdown.



Herald Tribune—United Press

Kid Gavilan (left), titleholder, and Johnny Bratton, challenger, in tonight's world welterweight championship bout in Chicago.

Two months ago, after retaining his title by a narrow margin in a split decision over Carmen Basilio, Gavilan said he would never make 147 pounds again. But he had this commitment to fight Bratton, and this may be the Kid's last welterweight appearance.

At twenty-seven, with 112 professional battles behind him, Gavilan is ready to move up into the middleweight division for keeps. He has successfully raided the division from time to time, but now eyes a title match with the new middleweight ruler, Bobo Olson, tentatively scheduled for February in San Francisco.

As challenger for Olson's title, Gavilan will command more respect if he moves up with his crown intact. But in the Basilio bout in Syracuse Gavilan had the look of an old champion ready to be taken. He was dropped on the seat of his pants in the second round, only the second time in his life the concrete-chinned Cuban had ever been down. Gavilan had to husband his resources craftily and beat Basilio on his wits rather than on his punch, fire or stamina.

More Consistent

Gavilan was weakened for that fight because he took eight pounds off in less than a fortnight. He has paced his weight reducing more intelligently this time and will dry out over night to do 147. Bratton has no weight problems.

The pick here is Gavilan by a decision. Though three of his eight title fights have been split-decision affairs, Gavilan has the resources to win the close ones. He is more formful, more consistent than The Brat.

Bratton, a year younger than Gavilan, is a stylish mover and flashy puncher and fights with such easy grace that he always win or lose, seems to be fighting well within himself. His general deportment in the ring suggests he could do better if he had to. With The Brat this may be merely an illusion. He probably does his best at all times, but he frequently disappoints. Sometimes he lacks forcefulness, sometimes he starts too late, sometimes he runs out of gas.

It used to be that Bratton was brittle. Ike Williams, Beau Jack and Gavilan himself broke his jaw. In addition, Bratton suffered a hairline fracture of a bone in his hand against Gavilan in their first meeting, in which he got off to a fine start and led for half the bout. Since then the Bratton bones have been strengthened.

BRATTON FOL IN STADIUM WELTER FIGHT

19,000 Expected for Bout

Fight Facts

EVENT—Welterweight championship.

PRINCIPALS—Kid Gavilan, Camaguey, Cuba, champion, and Johnny Bratton, Chicago, challenger.

LENGTH OF BOUT—15 rounds.

PLACE—Chicago Stadium, 1800 Madison st.

TIME—8 p. m.; first preliminary at 3:30 p. m.

ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE—19,000.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS—$200,000 gross receipts in event of a sellout of 19,400 tickets; television payment, $40,000.

PURSES—Gavilan, 40 per cent of net receipts and television payment; Bratton, 20 per cent.

TELEVISION—NBC-TV with blackout of Chicago area.

RADIO—ABC network and WENR, Chicago.

TICKETS—$15, $12.50, and $10 seats available.

WEIGH-IN—Chicago Stadium at noon today.

PROMOTER—International Boxing club, James D. Norris, president.

TONIGHT'S CARD

Kid Gavilan, Camaguey, Cuba, vs. Johnny Bratton, Chicago, for welterweight championship [15].

Paul Andrews, Buffalo, vs. Gordon Wallace, Hamilton, Ont. [6], 175 pounds.

Charley Cotton, Toledo, vs. Bill Sudduth, Topeka [6], 152 pounds.

Phil Rizzo, New York, vs. Adrian Hetel, Detroit [4], 147 pounds.

Stonewall Jackson, New York, vs. Tommy Maddox, south side [6], 142 pounds.

EMERGENCY BOUT

Carlo Sarlo, west side, vs. James Scott, south side [4], 145 pounds.

BY WILFRID SMITH

Kid Gavilan, welterweight champion of the world and one of the great fighters of the last decade, will place his title at stake for tonight's 15 round bout with Chicago's Johnny Bratton in the Stadium. Gavilan's seventh defense of his championship may draw a capacity crowd of more than 19,000.

Few matches in the 147 pound division have created more interest than the Gavilan-Bratton battle, the third meeting between these rival. Without unusual publicity, the demand for tickets has remained steady and officials of the International Boxing club, presenting the match, assert a capacity crowd of 19,400 is possible, and will include Bratton's wife, Joanne, who will be seated at ringside with a Detroit friend, Mrs. Barbara Jones.

Chicago Blacked Out

The bout, starting at 9 p. m., will be televised nationally except in the Chicago area. This may have helped sell the cheaper seat locations. Top price tickets are $15, and 10,500 of these were placed on sale. Some remain unsold. There also are $12.50 and $10 seats this morning.

With this price scale, as compared to the $25 top when Gavilan knocked out Chuck Davey in the Stadium last February, tonight's gross receipts cannot exceed $200,000. While this is considerably less than the $275,454 gross receipts when Davey and the champion set a financial record for the weight division, it proves that enthusiasm for tonight's bout is as great.

Odds Still Favor Kid

Gavilan has been a consistent favorite at 9 to 5 over Bratton since the bout was announced. There has been no reason to change the odds. Champion and challenger are known quantities. Gavilan admittedly is the finest welterweight since Ray Robinson, and Sugar Ray actually proved his superiority over the Cuban by the narrowest of margins.

Bratton, mercurial product of Chicago Golden Gloves, always was a favorite in his amateur days. As a professional, despite a record with wide range in effort and result, Bratton still has been popular. On the nights when Bratton was at his peak,

he has fought brilliantly. On those evenings when desire faltered, he was mediocre.

His Stepping Stones

Bratton achieved a degree of greatness by a one round knockout of Bobby Dykes in the Stadium ring in January, 1951. From this he moved to a match two months later with Charles Fusari. By his 15 round victory, Johnny was recognized as 147 pound champion by the National Boxing association.

Robinson's decision to leave the weight class gave Bratton his chance. Under sanction of New York, nonmember state of the N. B. A., Gavilan advanced to claim for the championship. Gavilan defeated Bratton in 15 rounds in New York on May, 1951, for the American championship.

Gavilan and Bratton fought later that year in Chicago, and Bratton held the champion to a draw. But the 10 round bout was overweight without the title at stake.

Bratton early in his career, suffered injuries to jaw and hands requiring long layoffs. These were expensive. Johnny may have been discouraged. Certainly, he contributed to his own financial problems by his extravagances.

In the last two years, when a title bout with Gavilan was an elusive goal, Bratton frequently failed when one more victory might have given him the assignment. Rocky Castellani twice was block to ambition, and Ralph Jones, 11 months ago, beat Bratton in 10 rounds.

This year, however, Bratton has steered a straight course and six victories, including a decision over Danny Womber, who had taken a decision from a careless Gavilan in a nontitle match, made tonight's sparring a natural promotional move.

Johnny's Big Chance

Bratton quite likely cannot beat Gavilan. That's the prediction of professionals. But Johnny, with evidence of renewed desire, has his title chance. On this was based the continuing enthusiasm of fight fans.

Those who insist Gavilan will be beaten have been encouraged by the champion's apparent difficulty in making weight for defense of his title against Carmen Basilio in Syracuse last September. Gavilan was knocked down and the decision by which he kept his title was criticized.

If Gavilan does weaken himself to scale 147 pounds, he should not be a 9 to 5 choice. But the champion insists that his weight difficulty was in trying to reduce in too brief a period and that he has taken off weight for Bratton more slowly. He insists he will be at full strength.

Ready for Davey

Chicagoans know that Gavilan was at his physical peak last February when he knocked out Davey. Previously unbeaten, Davey represented a threat and Gavilan was ready. Bratton is a greater threat. Gavilan should know this after 25 rounds with Johnny. And the spectators tonight will quickly learn if Gavilan has told the truth about weight and condition.

Gavilan and his manager, Angel Lopez, have nursed the maximum return from tonight's title defense. Ostensibly, the champion will receive 40 per cent of the net receipts and television payment. Bratton will receive 20 per cent. There is the usual return contract in event Gavilan was ready. Bratton is Gavilan is beaten in which the principals will each receive 30 per cent.

Incentive to Lose

Television payment for tonight's bout is $40,000. It has been reported that Gavilan will receive $20,000. This was one inducement offered by the I. B. C. to close the match. Another report is that Gavilan, if defeated, will receive 45 per cent which means that Bratton then will be cut to 15 per cent. If this is true; the extra inducement becomes an incentive to lose.

Bratton probably is not too concerned about double contracts. While he requires tonight's purse to settle his tangled financial problems that include nonpayment of income taxes, he has no future unless he wins. He might eke out a living for a few years, but at 26 years of age he has no more time in which to build.

Gavilan also may be ready to quit the welterweight division. But the Kid isn't thru with professional boxing, and his assets are victories.

The principals will report at noon today in Chicago Stadium for physical examinations and to be weighed.

FIGHT TALK ALL ABOUT A BOUT

[TRIBUNE Photo]

Challenger Johnny Bratton (left) and Champion Kid Gavilan square off in preparation for tonight's 15 round welterweight title bout in Chicago Stadium. It will be third meeting between pair They fought to 10 round draw in 1951 after Gavilan defeated Johnny in title match same year.

Kid Gavilan named 'Fighter of Year'

Welter champ becomes 7th boxer to be so honored

NEW YORK — World welterweigh champion Kid Gavilan, of Cuba, last week was voted the Edward J. Neil Memorial plaque as 1953's "fighter of the year."

The honor, bestowed on him by the National Boxing Writers' Association, enabled the Cuban Keed to become the seventh fighter of his race to gain the distinction.

Among previous winners of the award are Joe Louis, Henry Armstrong, Ike Williams, Sugar Ray Robinson, Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott.

Defended 3 Times

Gavilan will receive the award Jan. 14 at the association's annual dinner. The 27-year-old Havana Keed successfully defended his crown three times during the year, defeating Chuck Davey, Carmen Basilio and Johnny Bratton. He turned in outstanding performances while knocking out Davey and battering Bratton.

The Neil plaque, presented annually to the fighter of the year and the man who did the most for the sport during the year, is named in memory of the former Associated Press boxing writer who was killed in 1938 while serving as a war correspondent in Spain. Gavilan became the first foreigner to win it.

Given Unanimous Vote

Gavilan, given a unanimous ballot by the 44 voting members, succeeds Rocky Marciano, the 1952 winner. Lightweight champion Jimmy Carter and middleweight king Bobo Olson also were considered.

The flashy Cuban, known to the nation's television audiences for his bolo punch and more potent left hook, lost only one fight of 10 in 1953, an upset defeat by Danny (Bang Bang) Womber at Syracuse, May 2. After his one-sided victory over Bratton at Chicago, Nov. 13, he was ready to give up the welter class to take his chances with Olson in a bid for a second title. However he may defend the 147-lb crown against Basilio before he moves up among the 160-pounders.

Dempsey First Winner

Gavilan won the title by whipping Bratton, then the National Boxing association champ, May 18, 1951. He has defended against Billy Graham (twice) Bobby Dykes, Gil Turner, Davey Basilio and Bratton. Until the Womber upset, he hadn't lost a scrap since 1950.

The Neil plaque, one of the most prized awards in boxing, was first presented in 1938 when Jack Dempsey was the winner.

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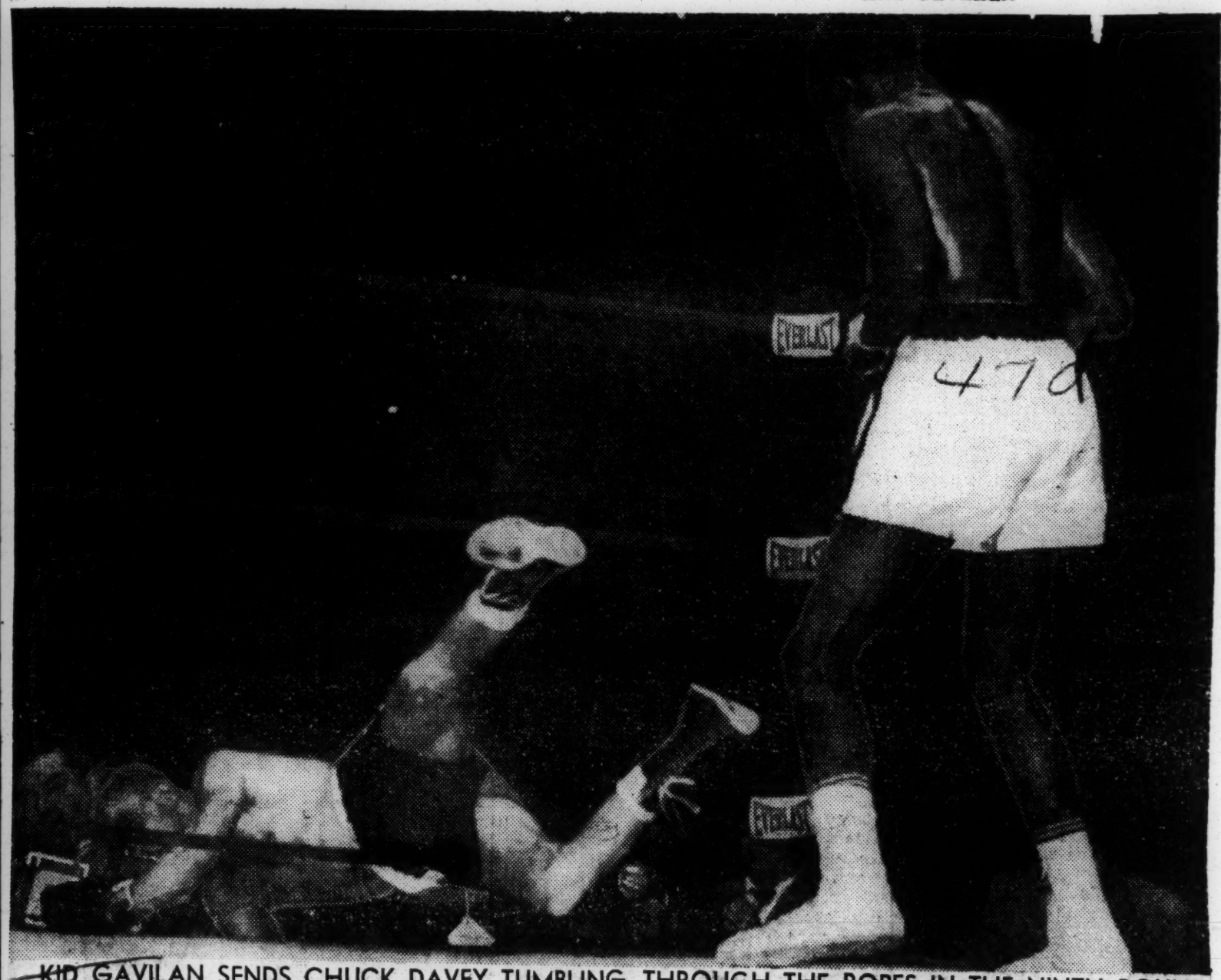

KID GAVILAN SENDS CHUCK DAVEY TUMBLING THROUGH THE ROPES IN THE NINTH ROUND

..AN KEEPS TITLE ON ONE-SIDED VICTORY

Welterweight Challenger Can't Come Out For 10th

4 KNOCKDOWNS SCORED

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—Cuba Kid Gavilan, a rugged champion from the school of hard knocks, floored college-bred Chuck Davey four times Wednesday night with his explosive punching to hold his world welterweight title on a 10th round technical knockout.

The previously unbeaten Davey was unable to answer the bell for the 10th after absorbing a bloody beating in the savage ninth.

Changes Styles

Switching to southpaw at times against his left-handed foe, Gavilan flunked the Michigan State grad in the finals of his graduate course in pugilism. After the bout was stopped he gaily danced a few rhumba steps in his corner while waving to the roaring crowd of Davey partians at Chicago Stadium.

It was no contest although the game Davey kept flicking his impotent punches in annoying fashion against the 27-year-old champ from Camaguey.

Decked for a nine-count in the third from a furious fusillade of right handed punches, Davey survived until the sleek Keed turned on the heat in the ninth. Gavilan amused himself by switching southpaw in the fifth and sixth.

Cut Under Eye

Swarming to the attack in the ninth, after he had opened a cut under Davey's right eye in the previous round, the strong Gavilan simply overwhelmed the scrawny-looking lad who had escaped defeat in 39 previous pro fights.

Davey seemed aware that he couldn't last longer after the cut opened. So he came out punching in the ninth. That was just what Gavilan had been waiting for.

A jolting right hand punch to Davey's reddened chops dropped him in mid ring. He scrambled up to take the last part of a nine-count on one knee. Pressing his attack against a man who now was badly hurt, Gavilan sent him to the deck again with a smashing left hook. Once more he took the count of nine.

Leaping in with all the fury of the attack that stopped young Gil Turner last July in Philadelphia, Gavilan slammed home a series of right hand punches that drove Davey through the ropes to the ring apron on his back. The ex-collegian was back on his knees at about four but took the full nine count.

Scoring of the officials was fairly even on a point basis as far as the bout went. Referee Frank Gilmer had Gavilan ahead 49 to 41, but had awarded only three rounders to Gavilan, calling four even and giving the fourth and seventh to Davey.

Judge John Bray called it for Gavilan, 51-39, giving the Kid six rounds, making it one even and awarding the second and fourth to Davey.

The other judge, Ed Hintz, voted 52 to 38 for Gavilan. Hintz saw five rounds for Gavilan, three even and gave the four to Davey.

In Illinois, scoring is based on 10 points per round, Gavilan's explosive ninth won him an 8-2 count from Hintz and Gilmer, almost without precedent.

Kid Gavilan Won't Give Conqueror ChampionshipShot

SYRACUSE, N.Y., May 3 (AP)—Welterweight Champion Kid Gavilan's long unbeaten string was at an end today but the Cuban flash has no intention of giving his surprise conqueror, Danny (Bang Bang) Womber a title shot.

Womber, an aggressive fighter who has done most of his fighting abroad, turned in the fight upset of the year last night when he pounded out a unanimous 10-round decision over the champion at the War Memorial Auditorium.

A former sparring partner of Sugar Ray Robinson and managed by George Gainford, who handled the retired middleweight king, Womber said "I'd like to fight him for the title. I'll try awfully hard to take him."

But Angel Lopez, Gavilan's manager, said "We have no idea of fighting him again. Gavilan won the fight. He won six rounds easily."

Gavilan thought he won too.

"Womber is good," said the Kid. "He gives a good show. But I didn't think the decision was fair enough.

"When I consider myself defeated, I'll give a man a chance at the title. When I don't consider a man defeated me, he has no right to it."

Lopez said Gavilan had a title match coming up July 1 in Los Angeles. He didn't say who the opponent was but it is understood he will meet Art Aragon of Los Angeles.

Gavilan hadn't lost a fight since he dropped a split decision to middleweight Gene Hairston in Scranton, Pa., Oct. 30, 1950. Since then he had piled up 27 victories and had been held to a draw by Johnny Bratton, the former NBA welterweight champion.

Kid Gavilan Beats Foe, Scortichini

DETROIT — Kid Gavilan, king of the welterweights, had no dificulty scoring a 10-round victory over Italo Scortichini, a stocky youngster from Milan, Italy, who has been fighting in the United States for six months.

Gavilan, a busy man when in the ring, was disappointed at the showing before the 5,004 fans. "It's too bad," he said in commenting on the fight after he had been awarded the unanimous decision of the two judges and referee. "He disappoint crowd. He dissappoint me. Maybe he hear bad things about me. I don't know. But it too bad."

The 24-year-old Scortichini, who claims the welterweight title of Italy, made a brief attempt to wage a fight in the early minutes of the non-title bout, but after that he was content at back pedaling.

Scortichini weighed 155 to Gavilan's 151 3-4.

Gavilan Defeats Italian Welter

DETROIT — World welterweight champion Kid Gavilan coasted to an easy 10-round triumph over Italo Scortichini, promising Italian 157-pounder, at the Olympia here Wednesday night.

The Cuban Bon Bon, feeling no need to extend himself, punished his game young rival with sharp left hooks and bolo punches. He employed the latter weapon more frequently than he has in any fight since he pounded Philadelphia's Gil Turner into submission late last summer.

Used As Prep

Reason for this appeared to be obvious. Although he was reaching Scortichini at will, the titleholder either couldn't, or didn't want to, put him away. Result was that he used the bout as a prep for more important matches slated for outdoors later on.

Gavilan, loser in an upset by Danny Womber in his last outing, established himself as Scortichini's master from the beginning of the second round. His speed, his flashing hook-and-jab combinations and the much-used bolo bewildered the youthful invader, if they didn't hurt him.

Referee Clarence Rosen voted 58-42 for the Keed, judge Al Goodman, 60-40, and judge Jack Spery saw it 57-43.

BOXING

Kid Gavilan Wins in 10 With Ease.

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A slim crowd in the Milwaukee Arena saw the Cuban open up with flurries of punches and score the only damaging punch of the fight, a solid right to the jaw that dropped the Californian for a nine-count near the end of the seventh round.

SPOKANE—Bobby Woods, easy 10-round winner over Fabela Chavez last time out, has signed to meet Freddie (Babe) Herman in a lightweight 10-rounder Aug. 4 at Butte, Montana.

LONDON — The once-postponed middleweight title bout between Randy Turpin and Bobo Olson may be rescheduled for London in the fall, Turpin's manager, George Middleton, said Wednesday.

Danny Giovanelli and Carmine Fiore, Brooklyn welterweights, signed for a 10-round bout at Madison Square Garden for July 29. The bout replaces a scheduled New York state featherweight title match between Pat Marcune and Lulu Perez.

Kid Gavilan Meets Fuentes In TV Bout

Kid Is Heavy Favorite In Non-Title Fight

Milwaukee, July 15 (U.P.)—Welterweight champion Kid Gavilan and Ramon Fuentes, a remarkable novice from Los Angeles, meet tonight in a 10-round non-title bout which will be Milwaukee's and Wisconsin's first televised boxing match.

Gavilan, the crafty, bolo-punching veteran of 110 fights, was favored over Fuentes, a slugging ex-Marine, after the Californian wound up workouts with limbering up exercises yesterday while Gavilan was idle.

Gavilan is expected to weigh in at 152 pounds and Fuentes at 150.

Gavilan Has Won 93

Gavilan has won 93 fights while losing 13 and drawing on four. Fuentes has 21 victories in 22 bouts but will meet his first top-ranking opponent in the Kid from Cuba.

Milwaukee fight fans, who have seen few top-flight boxers in recent months, were eagerly awaiting the first bout ever televised here.

Promoter Ben Barwick said local TV showing of the fight had hurt advance ticket sales.

"We won't do nearly as good as we did a year ago for the Gavilan-Fitzie Pruden fight," he said.

The match in the Milwaukee Arena will be carried to Chicago over a chain of TV relay towers and fed onto a national network there.

Kid Gavilan Unimpressive In Victory

Milwaukee, July 15 (AP) — World welterweight champion Kid Gavilan won an unanimous but unimpressive 10 round decision victory over Ramon Fuentes of Los Angeles tonight in a non-title bout.

A slim crowd in the Milwaukee Arena saw the Cuban stalk his rugged opponent most of the way, open up with flurries of punches that accumulated points, and score only the damaging punch of the fight, a solid right to the jaw that dropped the Californian for a nine count near the end of the seventh round.

Referee Dauber Jaeger scored it 8-4 under the Wisconsin point system, Judge Billy Lachenmeier had it 8-3, and Judge Ray Jackson said 6-3. There were more boos than cheers from the crowd that favored Fuentes throughout.

Fuentes Makes Showing

Fuentes made his best showing in the first and fifth rounds when he rushed the champion and scored with both hands to the head. The blows were high, however, and didn't slow Gavilan down a bit.

Gavilan coasted through the first two minutes of the seventh, then drove Fuentes to the ropes where he nailed him with the big punch of the bout. Fuentes pitched forward as the Kid stepped away, but he was on his feet at nine and weathered the last 20 seconds without trouble, as the champion failed to pursue his advantage.

Gavilan Easy Winner

MILWAUKEE, Wisc. — World welterweight champion experienced little difficulty disposing of Ramon Fuentes as a logical contender for his title here Wednesday night when he pounded out a 10-round unanimous decision at Milwaukee Stadium.

A nationally televised fight, the match still wasn't sufficiently attractive to draw more than 4,077 cash customers paying $13,419.20.

There was only one knockdown. It came in the seventh when the Keed, virtually coasting to the decision, floored his West Coast opponent with a right to the chin.

Crowd For Fuentes

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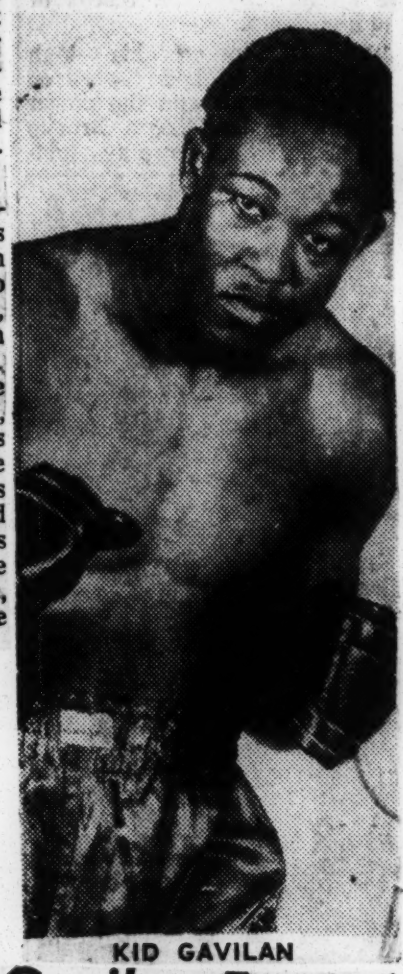

KID GAVILAN

Gavilan Beats Ramon Fuentes In 10-Rounder

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The Kid scored the only damaging blow, a solid right that dropped Fuentes for a nine count in the seventh round.

Referee Duaber Jaeger had it 8-4 for Gavilan under the Wisconsin system of no points for the boxer who loses a round. Judge Billy Lachenmeier had it 8-3 for the Kid, and Judge Ray Jackson, 6-3.

Fuentes made his best showing in the first and fifth. Gavilan started his attack in the third, and from then on pounded his foe with both hands.

Gross receipts totaled $13,419.20, with a net of $11,182.08. Gavilan received 30 per cent and Fuentes got 20. Each also received $3,600 from TV receipts.

GAVILAN DEFEATS FUENTES EASILY

Takes Unanimous Decision in Milwaukee Non-Title Fight —Floors Rival in 7th

MILWAUKEE, July 15 (UP)—Welterweight Champion Kid Gavilan won a unanimous ten-round decision tonight over Ramon Fuentes of Los Angeles in a non-title fight in the Milwaukee Arena. This was Milwaukee's first nationally televised bout.

Gavilan outweighed Fuentes, 152¼ pounds to 148¾.

Gavilan floored Fuentes in the seventh round for the only knockdown of the fight. The California welterweight stayed down for the count of nine and then came back with several hard rights and lefts to Gavilan's body in the closing seconds of the round.

Judge Billy Lachenmeier scored it 8—3, Judge Roy Jackson marked it 6—3 and Referee Dauber Jaeger scored his card 8—4 for Gavilan.

The Los Angeles novice was weaving again in the eighth with thirty seconds to go in the round as Gavilan had him on the ropes but Fuentes bounced back with several lefts to Gavilan's ribs.

Fuentes received a slight cut over the left eye in the fifth round.

Fuentes carried the attack to the champion in the early rounds. But Gavilan's superior punching power, punctuated by several of his famous bolo punches, showed up in the closing rounds to give him the clear advantage.

It was Fuentes' second loss in twenty-three fights and Gavilan's ninety-fourth victory in 111 bouts. The crowd was held to a sparse 4,000 as local televising of the city's first TV fight cut into the gate.

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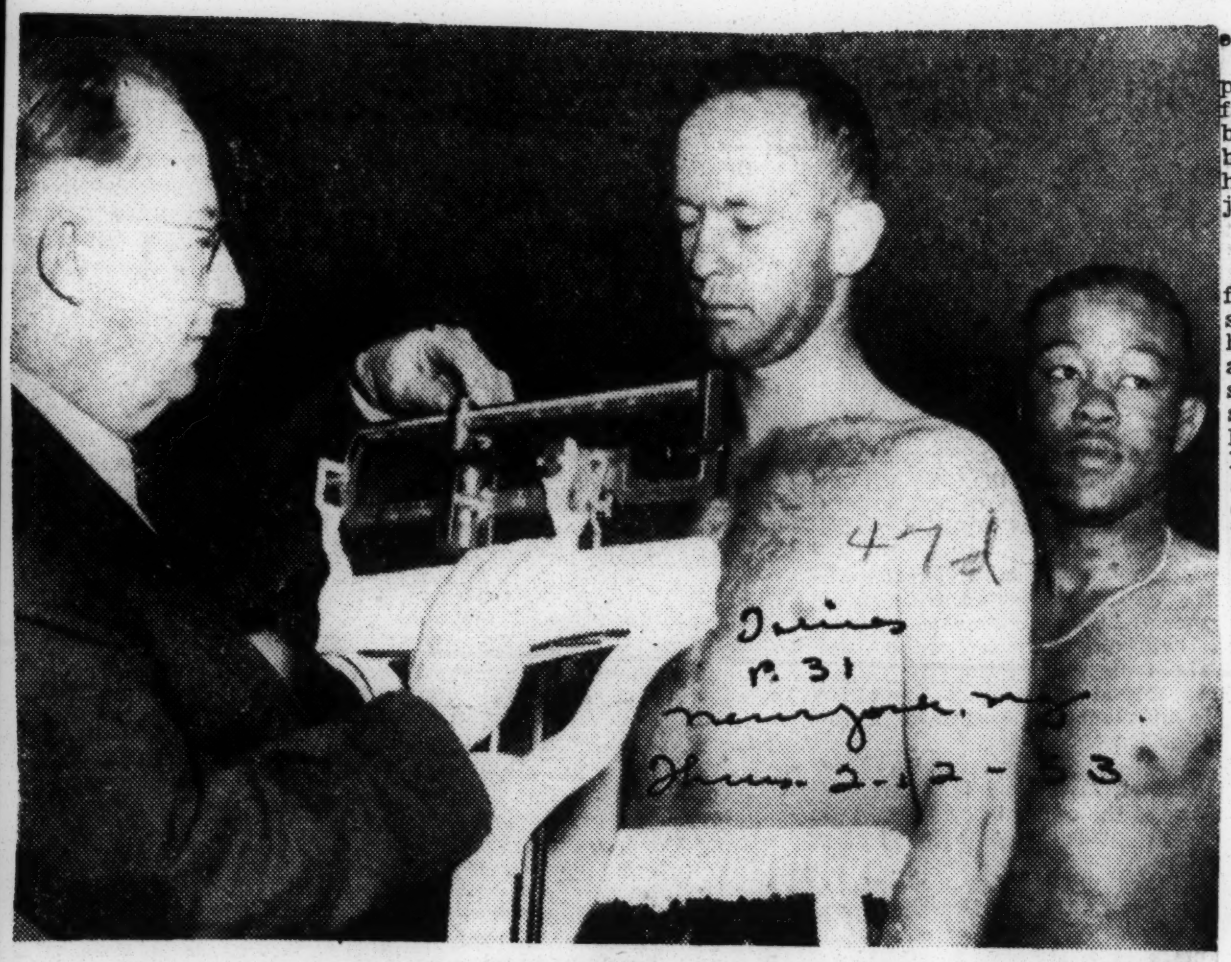

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CAN'T BELIEVE HIS EYES: Challenger Chuck Davey, who had difficulty making the 147-pound limit for title bout with Kid Gavilan, wears a puzzled look as he stands on scales at weighing at Chicago. Gavilan, from Cuba, had no such problem at all, checking in at 146½.

CUBAN SENDS RIVAL TO FIRST SETBACK

Gavilan Knocks Out Davey to Keep Title and End Foe's Unbeaten String at 39

BOUT ENDS IN 10TH ROUND

Receipts Rise Toward Record $280,000—Physician Finds Foes in Top Condition

By JAMES P. DAWSON
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11—Kid Gavilan of Cuba retained the world welterweight championship by knocking out Chuck Davey tonight in Chicago Stadium. The Lansing, Mich., boxer suffered his first defeat in forty professional bouts.

Davey, battered badly through the ninth, was unable to answer the bell for the next round and Gavilan was credited with a tenth-round knockout.

Davey, first to enter the ring, approached the platform in a circus atmosphere, with a spotlight picking him up in the darkened arena while the announcer, sounding like a side-show barker, called the attention of the crowd to his ring exploits.

Gavilan came next, from the opposite side of the house, amid a reception in which jeers mingled with cheers. Ezzard Charles, ex-heavyweight champion, was among those introduced from the ring.

The referee was Frank Gilmer. The judges were Ed Hintz and John Bray.

Cuban Jars Davey

Gavilan opened with a left jab to the face and Davey countered with a right jab. After that Gavilan spent most of the time giving his foe a boxing lesson. He picked off Davey's right leads in mid-air and twice cut loose in short flurries, once pounding the body and later driving Davey back on his heels with a right to the face. Davey landed a left to the head in retaliation.

Davey drilled his right jab to Gavilan's face through the second round, faster with his darting fists and on his feet as well. Repeatedly he curled right jabs over Gavilan's extended left or beat the champion to jabs in exchanges. Occasionally Davey ripped a left to the face and to the body. Before the round ended, however, Gavilan crashed three of his famous bolo punches, a ripping, full-arm right swing, to the body.

Davey harried the champion with a blinding fire of right jabs and left hooks and swings to the face early in the third round as Gavilan came in crouched. But Gavilan reached the jaw with a staggering right and leaped in at Davey, flailing with both fists until finally a successino of rights to the jaw dropped the challenger for a count of nine.

Davey got up and continued to pump rights and lefts to Gavilan's face as the champion ripped at the body in flurries. Just before the bell sounded, Gavilan made Davey hold with another hard right to the jaw.

Pounds Gavilan in Fourth

Davey had the better of the fourth round, hammering Gavilan steadily with stiff right jabs and hooks, and pounding the champion about the face and head with left swings and hooks as Gavilan sought vainly for an opening to land a crushing right to the jaw. In one exchange, Gavilan crashed a right to the jaw, but Davey countered with a left to the jaw that shook the Cuban to his toes. Gavilan had a swelling under his right eye when the round ended.

Gavilan turned southpaw in the fifth, but took a pasting for his pains. Davey's fire was swifter and surer, unaccustomed as he was to the champion's unorthodox style. However, the shift brought Gavilan to close quarters several times and he pounded the body with both hands solidly.

The battle of southpaws continued through the sixth for two minutes, when Gavilan reverted to orthodox style. Through the southpaw exchanges Davey continued to press an advantage, peppering Gavilan with both hands to the head and face and from all angles. Near the end of the round Gavilan broke through with a volley of lefts and rights to the face and head, which made Davey hold.

Gavilan was desperate in the seventh and missed awkwardly with repeated right-hand drives for the jaw as Davey continued to plaster the champion with stiff right jabs and a cross-fire of left hooks and swings to the face. Near the end of the round Gavilan uncorked his bolo right to the body and followed with a right to the jaw that made Davey hold.

Gavilan confounded some of the experts who anticipated he would have difficulty getting down to the weight. He made it easily, tipping the scales at 146½ pounds, in his socks and fighting trunks. Then the champion looked on, his face expressionless, as Davey was forced to step on the scales three times before his weight was announced at the class maximum, 147 pounds.

Davey first emulated Gavilan, weighing with his socks and trunks. But the indicater was in excess of 147 pounds. He discarded his socks, but still was heavier than 147.

It was announced that the indicator showed 147½ pounds the second time, a statement that stirred some doubt that a pa socks and the silk boxing tr could weigh eight ounces. On third try, Davey was au na and his weight was announce 147 pounds.

Receipts Surpass Record

After the doors to the arena opened at 7 P. M., Norris announced that a crowd of 17,000 and gross receipts of $280,000 were assured. This meant that the record for welterweight championship receipts was to be shattered.

Davey had a rooting section of about 3,000 of his old college mates and admirers. Lending moral support to the college-bred challenger was a petition, eighty yards long and bearing 6,600 signatures of Michigan State undergraduates and friends, wishing Davey success.

Stonewall Jackson, Washington, a wind-mill style fighter with little or no direction to his blows, won an unpopular decision over Tommy Maddox, local welterweight, in a six-round bout that opened the card and served as a prelude to the title struggle.

Jackson discounted disadvantages in height and reach, and rushed pell-mell at his rival in fiery outbursts. Repeatedly however, Maddox met these rushes with well-directed lefts and rights to the head and face and occasionally grazed the jaw with a right.

Jackson weighed 137 pounds and Maddox 138.

BATTLE 'AGES' CHALLENGER

Davey Is Revealed to Be 27, Not 26 as Previously Listed

CHICAGO, Feb. 11 (AP)—Chuck Davey grew a year older, so to speak, on the day of his quest for Kid Gavilan's welterweight title.

A spokesman for Davey, whose birth is listed in boxing records as May 3, 1926, disclosed today that the southpaw graduate of Michigan State College actually was one year older and would be 28 his next birthday. He had been reported 26 against Gavilan's listed 27.

The spokesman said that Davey entered pro ranks in 1949 wishing to have his correct age listed in the records, but was advised to knock off a year in a profession where youth is of the essence.

Welter King Set For Middleweight Division He Says

By WENDELL SMITH

CHICAGO—Welterweight Champion Kid Gavilan has run out of competition.

The sensational Cuban clouter may now have to crash the middleweight ranks because he has beaten all the top contenders in the division.

He gave Chuck Davey, the educated boxer from Michigan State, a bruising lesson in sockology here last week before 17,000 fans. The champion won by a technical knockout in the tenth round. Davey, floored three times in the ninth, couldn't answer the bell for the tenth.

GAVILAN HAS NOW beaten Billy Graham twice, Bobby Dykes, Gil Turner, Johnny Bratton and Davey. They are the top contenders. The only one left of any importance is Johnny Saxton, who is undefeated. But, after watching Gavilan dish it out to Davey, the critics think Saxton will be smart if he evades the champion. Like Davey, the young New Yorker needs more experience, they say.

Gavilan is definitely interested in the middleweight ranks. After his brilliant win over Davey, the champion said:

"I don't think there is any fighter left in the division worth fighting. They may dig up one, but I don't see any around. "I'll fight Saxton if they want me too, but who is there after that?

"I guess the only think for me o do is go into the middleweight anks. There are plenty of good ighters in that division.

"I believe I can win the middleweight title. The two top fighters in the division are Randy Turpin of England and Bobo Olson of California. I think I can beat both of them."

THE MIDDLEWEIGHT title is vacant. Ray Robinson retired after the Joey Maxim fight last summer and now an elimination tournament is being conducted to find a new champion.

Meantime, Davey is still trying to figure out what happened in his fight with Gavilan. Previously, he had won thirty-seven fights without a defeat. He had been held to draws twice. But last Wednesday night he ran into a bronze tornado from Havana and was almost blown out of Chicago Stadium.

Davey was down four times, once in the third and three times in the ninth. Each time he took a nine count. He was no match for the talented champion. He tried his hit-and-run tactics, but they were ineffective. Gavilan took good care of the boy they sent to do a man's job. Afterward, Davey said:

"He's a great fighter. I certainly learned a lot from him in this fight. He can do everything, hit, box and defend himself.

"I thought he was good before the fight, but I never thought he was that good."

GAVILAN GAVE Davey credit for being a game fighter, but added: **"He needs much more experience. There are many things he does not know. I was surprised.**

Angel Lopez, manager of Gavilan, said the champion had the situation well in hand all the way.

"We weren't worried at any time," Lopez said. "Gavilan took his time and then went out and did the job.

"When the bell for the ninth rang, I told him to go out and get Davey. I said: "This is the round, he's all set up. Go out there punching and don't stop until he is down and out."

Gavilan followed instructions perfectly, blasting the frail contender to the canvas three times. The bell finally saved Davey from complete disaster.

Now Gavilan is looking around, trying to find a welterweight capable of giving him a real fight.

He can't find a single one, however. After watching him belt Davey around, the other challengers apparently have taken to the hills.

Champ 'Educated' Him, Davey Says

Chuck Declares He's Not Quitting; Both Men Consider Future Bouts

Chicago, Feb. 12 (AP)—"I got my real college education last night."

Thus today spoke the holder of a master's degree, scholarly Chuck Davey, who ruefully learned from welterweight champion Kid Gavilan that there are no scientific substitutes for a wicked sock on the jaw.

The brutal lesson at the Chicago Stadium disillusioned countless Davey fans, but there was some balm for Davey in the check for $40,756.63 which southpaw Chuck picked up from the International Boxing Club.

Gavilan, now eyeing the middleweight division and a possible bout in Montreal against Johnny Bratton within six weeks, received $81,513.27 for his 27-minute, 10th-round T.K.O. of Davey.

Net Is $211,454

The net gate was $211,454.71, from which Gavilan got 40 per cent and Davey 20 after ring expenses and City taxes.

Davey was keenly disappointed in his failure to stand up under the flailing blows of the Cuban Keed, but declared, "I learned an awful lot.

"I think I can fight my way back up to the top. I'm not quitting. I'll be ready the next time around."

Gavilan himself said Davey was "very fast and maybe in two-three years, he be good fighter." Davey will be 28 his next birthday, May 3.

A fight with the winner of the March 13 New York bout between Vince Martinez and Chico Vejar is reported in store for Davey, who twice pummeled Vejar for easy victories.

Drew With Bratton

Gavilan, who was held to a draw by Bratton in an overweight match, November 28, 1951, in Chicago, presumably intends to sharpen up against him in Montreal for a crack at either Randy Turpin or Bobo Olson, the middleweight kingpins of the moment.

Davey knew the show was over against Gavilan last night when he got his best combinations going in the fourth round.

He pasted the Kid with two whistling blows to the head and two to the stomach. The same series had stopped ex-middleweight champion Rocky Graziano in his tracks and ruined Vejar. But nothing happened to Gavilan. He kept boring right in.

One statistician estimated Gavilan landed 300 blows and Davey 230 in the nine rounds the bout lasted. In the eighth, when Gavilan cut open Davey's right cheek and apparently decided to start putting his foe away, the Kid landed 78 times to 34 for Davey.

'He Kept Getting Up'

Probably the best word that could be said for previously unbeaten Davey was overheard in one TV audience.

"You gotta hand it to the guy," said an intent viewer, "the way he kept getting up."

Gavilan took a late afternoon plane for New York. The Kid and his manager, in addition to considering the Montreal fight, also are talking over an offer to fight Art Aragan on the West Coast.

Davey, feeling chipper despite the pounding he took last night, planned to leave tonight for Lansing, where he will attend a testimonial dinner honoring him February 17.

After that, Chuck and his pretty wife, Pat, will visit Naples, Fla., for a vacation.

Last night's gross gate of $275,415 from an announced crowd of 17,450 was a record for a welterweight title bout.

Kid Gavilan
Toil, Sweat—Still Champ

The Kid Eyes Bout With Robinson

Collegian No Match For Bolo Punching Champion

By DONALD BOWERS
International News Service
Sports Writer

CHICAGO — Welterweight Champion Kid Gavilan, dancing with confidence and cash from his TKO over Chuck Davey, said Thursday he wants a crack at the middleweight crown.

And Davey, whose dancing legs failed to take him into the 10th round, says he wants another crack at the Kid.

THE BOLO punching Gavilan said in his Chicago Stadium dressing room after the fight Wednesday night that he'd like to face Sugar Ray Robinson again. He doubts that the tap-dancing ex-champion really has retired.

The idea appealed to International Boxing Club President James Norris who said he'd "like nothing better" than to match the two.

THE CUBAN'S deadpan ring expression crinkled into a grin and immediately he began launching middleweight plans, saying his first venture would be to "make spaghetti of (Joey) Giardello," a top contender.

When the word got to Joey, he said, "He looked good tonight, and I think he is one of the best in the business—but —he doesn't want to fight me."

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GAVILAN said he knew he had Davey whipped after flooring him for a nine-count in the third round. He commented:

"Davey is a good boy but needs more experience."

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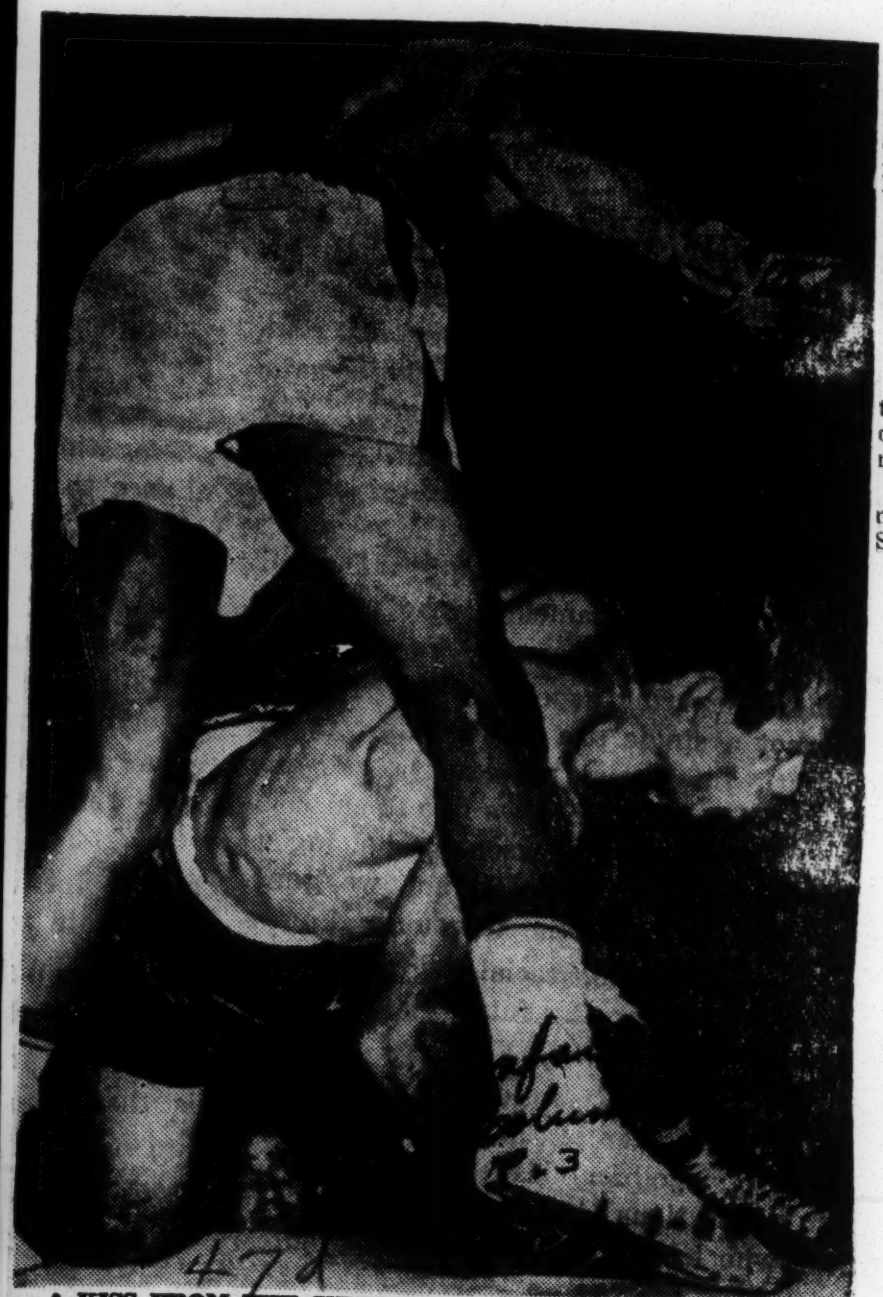
THE CHAMPION said he just paced himself until Davey gave him an opening for the savage ninth round attack that floored the challenger three times for the count of nine.

Gavilan suffered only a slight cut over his right eye from Davey's sharp but powerless right jabs. The Cuban astonished the crowd when he switched to Davey's southpaw style in the fifth round. He said he just hadn't expected so much of the eyeing the middleweight ranks.

MEANWHILE, Davey is heading for the sunshine of Florida and a vacation. Afterwards, said the switch conwards, if he cannot meet Gavicontender, says he plans to fight others.



A KISS FROM THE 'KEED' — Welterweight champion Kid Gavilan of Cuba is king of all he surveys, as he stands over his hapless opponent, Ramon Fuentes, after knocking him down in the seventh round of their recent ten-round non-title match in Milwaukee. The champ copped a unanimous decision over the Los Angeles novice.

Gavilan, Basilio Agree In Title Go

SYRACUSE —(AP)— World welterweight champion Kid Gavilan of Cuba agreed Saturday to place his title on the line in a 15-round bout here with Carmen Basilio of Syracuse, Friday night, Sept. 18.

The winner, terms of the contract stipulated, is to meet Johnny Bratton of Chicago within 60 days at a city and date to be decided later.

This will be the first title defense for "The Keed" since since he knocked out Chuck Davey of East Lansing, Mich., in Chicago last Feb. 11.

Gavilan won the championship when he defeated Bratton in New York City in 15 rounds, May 18, 1951. The Cuban bolo puncher meets Ralph (Tiger) Jones of Yonkers, N.Y., at Madison Square Garden there Wednesday.

The 27-year-old Gavilan will be making the sixth defense of his crown when he meets Basilio, the 26-year-old New York State welterweight champion.

Brasilio won the state title by defeating Billy Graham in 12 rounds here in June, and in a re-match last month they fought to a draw.

Gavilan has defeated Graham twice in title bouts, the most recent at Havana last Oct. 5 in 15 rounds.

This will be the usual Friday night (NBC) television bout, with Syracuse blacked out.

Title Bout at Syracuse

Gavilan Is a 4-1 Choice Over Basilio Tonight

By Jesse Abramson

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Sept. 17. —In what is generally regarded as a warm-up for another championship effort against Johnny Bratton later this year, Cuba's Kid Gavilan will defend his world welterweight title over the fifteen-round route against local pride Carmen Basilio in the War Memorial Auditorium at 10 p. m., daylight time, tomorrow night.

The twenty-seven-year-old Cuban, sleek, unmarked veteran of 71 fights of which he won ninety-four, is rated an almost prohibitive favorite at 4 to 1 in the sixth defense of the title he won, in succession to Sugar Ray Robinson, when he beat Bratton in New York in May of 1951.

Challenger Popular

For the first world championship fight ever staged here, there is hometown support for the Canastota-born Basilio, ex-Marine son of an onion farmer, who has one more of his fighting in Central New York. In twenty-six-year-old Basilio, always superbly conditioned, is a rugged, determined, hustling club-fighting punch-thrower. His record of thirty-six victories, ten defeats and five draws, however, doesn't give him more than an outside chance unless the Keed has gone back.

Some profess to see signs of age in Gavilan. Since he polished off Chuck Davey in his last title defense in Chicago last February, Gavilan has been less than overpowering and Syracusans particularly saw him blow a decision here to Danny Womber for his only defeat in two and one-half years. There is the usual talk that Gavvy, 154, against Ralph (Tiger) Jones in his last fight, has had trouble making the required weight of 147 and will weaken himself doing so. But he worked out today.

Gavilan himself brushed off any suggestion weight is a problem for him. At the weigh-in at the Auditorium tomorrow he says he will scale under 147. Basilio will weigh about 146.

Basilio, undefeated in his last eight bouts, came to the role of challenger by winning the Christenberry-inspired New York State welterweight title in a twelve-rounder with Billy Graham last June. Basilio got a draw in the return, though it was deemed a gift decision. He was badly bruised in the late rounds by Graham.

Basilio Cuts Easily

Before the Graham bouts, Basilio drew national attention a year ago by getting a snafued decision over Davey (later corrected to a draw), though he lost to Davey in a return. His record shows he cuts, which won't help him against a sharp hitter like Gavilan.

Gavilan, likely to be at his best with his title on the line, is the pick to win by a knockout. Basilio has never been stopped.

The fight will get the usual Friday night national TV treatment as an I. B. C. television production, except that the local area will be blacked out.

BOXING ROUNDUP

Gavilan-Bratton Tops Week of Title Bouts

NEW YORK, Nov. 8 (AP)—Three world championship bouts top the boxing program this week at such widely scattered points as Montreal, Chicago and Sydney, Australia.

Lightweight champ Jimmy Carter starts it off Wednesday at the Montreal forum against Armand Savoie of Montreal in a 15-round defense, the first championship bout at Montreal since 1931. Carter is a 5-to-1 choice.

Kid Gavilan risks his welter title at the Chicago Stadium Friday against Johnny Bratton of Chicago, the No. 1 contender. It will be the third meeting of the two fighters with Gavilan winning one and the second ending in a draw.

The Gavilan-Bratton bout is the only one of the thre championship fights to be seen on television with the Chicago Area blacked out. It will be received in Atlanta on WSB-TV and WGST radio at 10 p.m.

Bantamweight champ Jimmy Carruthers of Australia makes his first defense before the home fans at Sydney Friday against Henry (Pappy) Gault of Spartanburg, S.C., former North American 118-pound ruler.

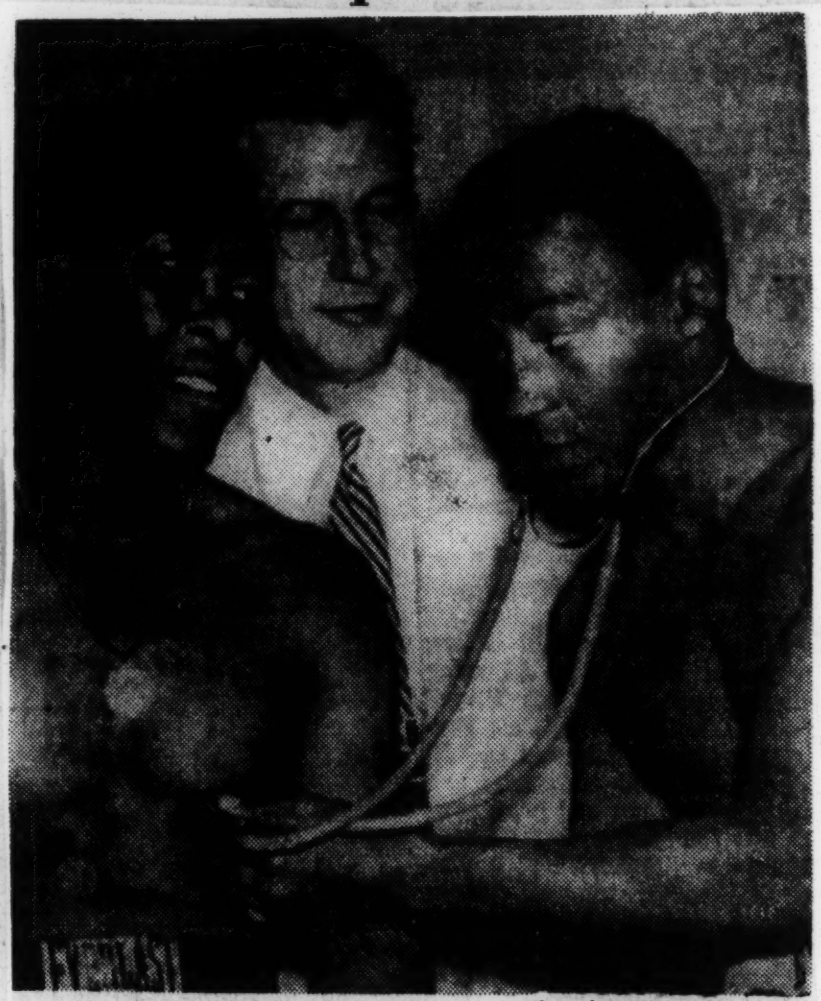
Although the Carter-Savoie bout originally was scheduled for TV, technical difficulties changed the plans. The TV fans (CBS) will see middleweight rematch from Washington, D.C., between Randy Sandy of New York and Willie Troy of Washington. Sandy has lost only once when he was stopped by Troy in their first meeting. Troy's only defeat was by Holly Mims of Washington.

The Saturday night show (WLWA-TV) opens up a new city to boxing when Albany, N.Y., gets back into action with Pat Manzi of Syracuse, N.Y., and Gerald Dryer of South Africa, the British Empire welter champion, in a 10-round

New York gets its first look at Edgardo Romero, a new Argentine heavyweight who is unbeaten in 25 fights, in a match with James J. Parker, Paterson, N.J., slugger, at Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway.

Bobby Gleason's Cuban heavyweight champ, Nino Valdes, an upset winner over Ezzard Charles, boxes Sunday (Nov. 15) at Dortmund, Germany, against Heinz Neuhaus, the German heavy.

New Orleans has a good attraction Monday in a Ralph Dupas-Phil Kim lightweight match. Among the better Monday fights is a Fort Wayne, Ind., paring of Jed Black, Chuck Davey's unbeaten stablemate, and Ike Williams, former lightweight champ.



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BRATTON FINDS GAVILAN'S HEART OKAY

Both Pronounced in Top Shape for Friday's Fight

MONDAY

At Brooklyn (Eastern Parkway): James J. Parker, Paterson, N.J., vs. Edgardo Romero, Argentina, heavies, 10; at New Orleans: Phil Kim, Honolulu, vs. Ralph Dupas, New Orleans, lights, 8; at Fort Wayne, Ind.: Ike Williams, Trenton, N.J., vs. Jed Black, East Lansing, Mich., welters, 10; at San Francisco: Sammy Sanders, Los Angeles, vs. Maurice Harper, Oakland, Calif., welters, 10; at Boston: Willie James, Boston, vs. Willie Wilson, Providence, RI., heavies, 10; at Holyoke, Mass.: Eddie Compo, Hartford, Conn., vs. Harry Lasane, Houston, lights, 8.

TUESDAY

At Los Angeles: Vinnie DeCarlo, Philadelphia, vs. Oscar Reyes, Los Angeles, welters, 10.

WEDNESDAY

At Montreal: Lightweight champion Jimmy Carter, New York, vs. Armand Savoie, Montreal, lights, 15 (title bout); at Washington, D.C.: Willie Troy, Washington, vs. Randy Sandy, New York, middles, 10.

THURSDAY

At Newark, N.J.: Danny Rubino, Hoboken, N.J., vs. John Darby, Paterson, N.J., middles, 8; at Baltimore: Bert Whitehurst, Baltimore, vs. Ted Lowry, New Bedford, Mass., heavies, 10, and Tony Longon, Baltimore, vs. Jimmy Cooper, Washington, feathers, 10 (co-feature); at Fall River, Mass.: Ben Miloud, French Morocco, vs. Houston Brown, New York, lights, 10; at Worcester, Mass.: Curly Monroe, Worcester, vs. Reuben Davis, Philadelphia, lights, 10; at Detroit: George Powel, Detroit, vs. Walter Hafer, Warren, Ohio, heavies, 8.

FRIDAY

At Chicago: Walter champion Kid Gavilan, Cuba, vs. Johnny Bratton, Chicago, welters, 15 (title bout); at Philadelphia (Cambria): John Bernardo, Philadelphia, vs. Emmy Tucci, Philadelphia, welters, 10; at Sydney, Australia, bantam champion Jimmy Carruthers, Australia, vs. Henry (Pappy) Gault, Spartanburg, S.C., bantams, 15 (title bout).

SATURDAY

At Albany, N.Y.: Pat Manzi, Syracuse, N.Y., vs. Gerald Dryer, South Africa, welters, 10; at Hollywood, Calif.: Fabela Chavez, Los Angeles, vs. Gil Cadilli, Los Angeles, feathers, 10.

SUNDAY

At Dortmund, Germany: Nino Valdes, Cuba, vs. Heinz Neuhous, Germany, heavies, ten.

Kid Gavilan named 'Fighter of Year'

Welter champ becomes 7th boxer to be so honored

NEW YORK — World welterweigh champion Kid Gavilan, of Cuba, last week was voted the Edward J. Neil Memorial plaque as 1953's "fighter of the year."

The honor, bestowed on him by the National Boxing Writers' Association, enabled the Cuban Keed to become the seventh fighter of his race to gain the distinction.

Among previous winners of the award are Joe Louis, Henry Armstrong, Ike Williams, Sugar Ray Robinson, Ezzard Charles and Jersey Joe Walcott.

Defended 3 Times

Gavilan will receive the award Jan. 14 at the association's annual dinner. The 27-year-old Havana "Keed" successfully defended his crown three times during the year, defeating Chuck Davey, Carmen Basilio and Johnny Bratton. He turned in outstanding performances while knocking out Davey and battering Bratton.

The Neil plaque, presented annually to the fighter of the year and the man who did the most for the sport during the year, is named in memory of the former Associated Press boxing writer who was killed in 1938 while serving as a war correspondent in Spain. Gavilan became the first foreigner to win it.

Given Unanimous Vote

Gavilan, given a unanimous ballot by the 44 voting members, succeeds Rocky Marciano, the 1952 winner. Lightweight champion Jimmy Carter and middleweight king Bobo Olson also were considered.

The flashy Cuban, known to the nation's television audiences for his bolo punch and more potent left hook, lost only one fight of 10 in 1953, an upset defeat by Danny (Bang Bang) Womber at Syracuse, May 2. After his one-sided victory over Bratton at Chicago, Nov. 13, he was ready to give up the welter class to take his chances with Olson in a bid for a second title. However he may defend the 147-lb crown against Basilio before he moves up among the 160-pounders.

Dempsey First Winner

Gavilan won the title by whipping Bratton, then the National Boxing association champ, May 18, 1951. He has defended against Billy Graham (twice) Bobby Dykes, Gil Turner, Davey Basilio and Bratton. Until the Womber upset, he hadn't lost a scrap since 1950.

The Neil plaque, one of the most prized awards in boxing, was first presented in 1938 when Jack Dempsey was the winner.

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KID GAVILAN

Middleweight move will wait—

Kid Gavilan seeks more welter business after busting up Bratton

BY JERRY LISKA

CHICAGO, Nov. 14 — (AP) — Welterweight Champion Kid Gavilan, who punched Johnny Bratton like he was a rag doll last night, today was ready to do more 147-pound business before shooting at Bobo Olson's middleweight crown.

Gavilan won a unanimous 15-round title decision from Bratton, who finished with a face like a pumpkin worked over with an iron mace.

It was expected that, win or lose against No. 1 challenger Bratton at the Chicago Stadium, the Cuban Kid would abandon the welter class and try to emulate Sugar Ray Robinson in graduating from 147-pound to 160-pound boxing king.

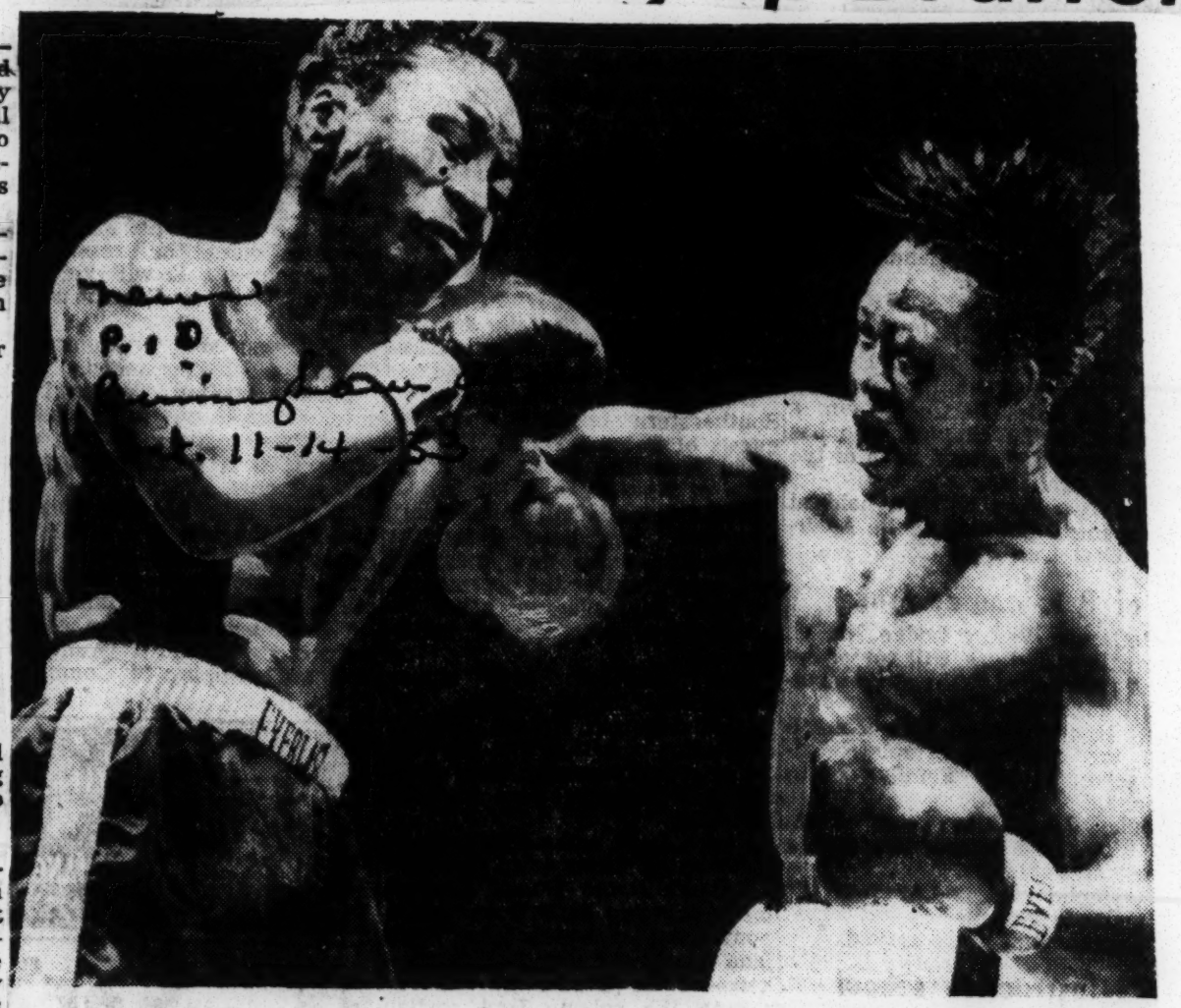
But the Gavilan who threw countless searing punches at a befuddled and helpless Bratton was said to like meeting Carmen Basilio or Gil Turner again in a couple of welterweight efforts before taking on Olson next Spring. This was a change of heart which may be traced to the International Boxing Club off the Kid's flaming go last night.

IT HAD BEEN freely predicted Gavilan would be thrown against Olson next February at San Francisco for the middleweight title. But Gavilan's wife is having a baby in February and the Kid would just as soon wait until March or April to meet Bobo.

Gavilan was floored for the second time in his craeer and had to scramble desperatedly for a 15-round decision over Basilio at Syracuse in September.

The talk then was the Kid was rusty, incapable of making the welter limit and had only a future in trying for the middleweight title.

BUT GAVILAN'S seventh defense of his title before a surprising crowd of 19,260 which paid a gross gate of $176,390 was one of his most artistic performances in a career of 113 pro fights.



One of many—Challenger Johnny Bratton (left) was taking a lot more than he was giving in his welterweight title bout with Kid Gavilan last night in Chicago. This hard right came in an eighth-round flurry. Gavilan won a unanimous decision. (Associated Press wirephoto.)

Bratton, who dropped the National Boxing Assn. version of the 147-pound title to Gavilan in 1951, never had a chance against Gavilan after the eighth round in which the champ cornered Johnny to administer a terrific pasting.

The actual count of Gavilan's furious attack was 53 blows, all to the head. In a way, it was reminiscent of Olson's recent performance against Randy Turpin of England. It seemed that all Gavilan had to do was step back and Bratton would fall to the canvas. But, as Olson did against Turpin, Gavilan seemed over-anxious to belt his foe on the chin and failed to get over a crumpling blow.

AFTER THAT BLISTERING eighth, Gavilan worked like a man who wanted to break a crate of eggs, one at a time. Whenever the Kid elected to wade into Bratton he did so with both fists flying.

Bratton's right eye puffed up in the 12th round and after that almost every solid blow Gavilan landed seemed to swell Johnny's face. In the closing 15th, Gavilan whaled away with his bolo punches against a weary, helpless Bratton who refused to fall and got a roaring ovation, from the near-capacity crowd for his courage.

Under the Illinois scoring system of dividing 10 points per round, Referee Frank Gilmer gave Gavilan an 85-65 margin; Judge Bill O'Connell called it for the champ 82-68, and the other judge, Ed Hintz saw it The Kid 83-67.

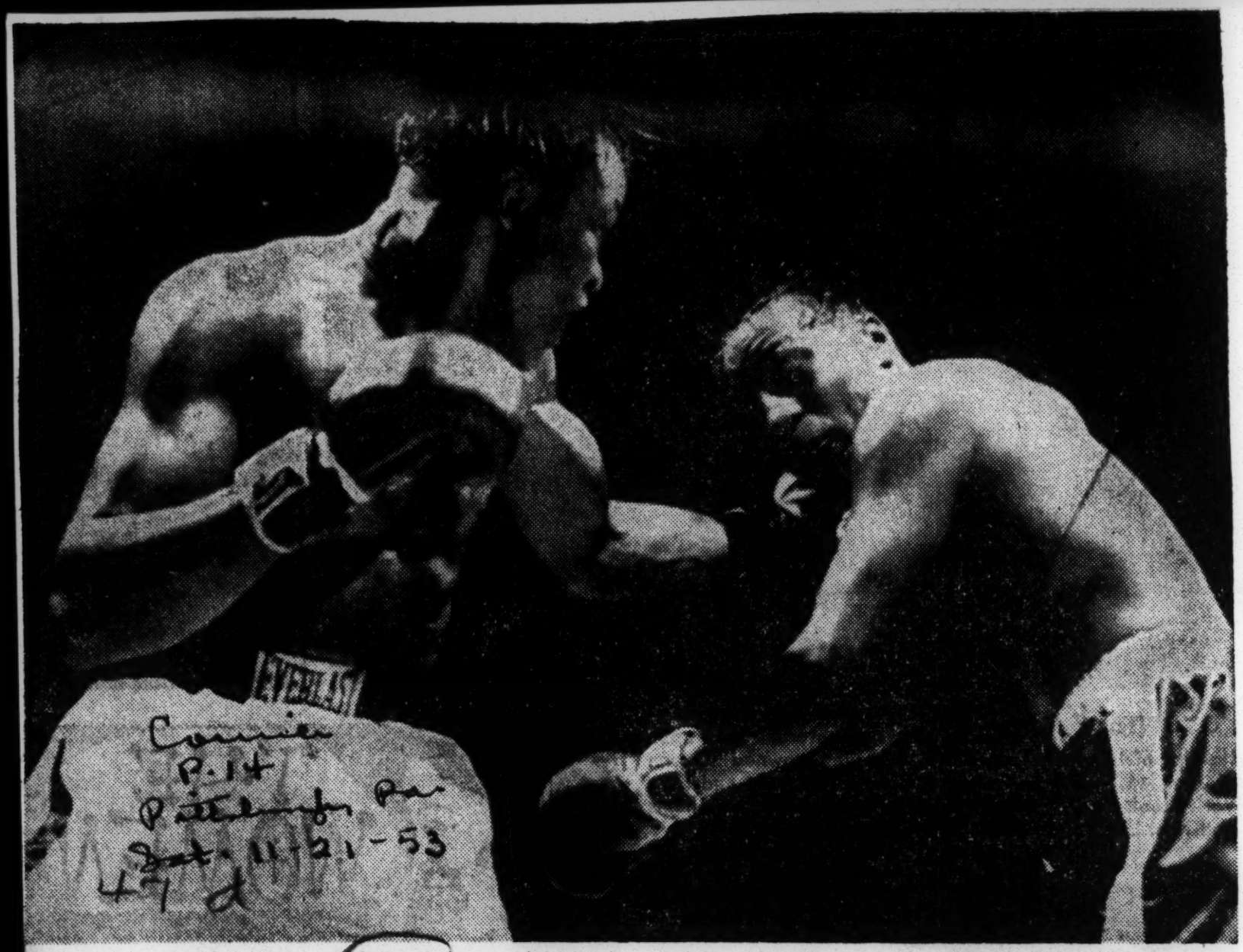
The AP card had it for Gavilan 89-61, and on a round basis, 11-2-2.

GAVILAN, WEIGHING 146,

collected 40 per cent of the net gate of $134,739, a slice of $53,895, plus $20,000 from TV, for a total purse of $73,859.60.

Bratton, 145½, received 20 per cent, or $26,947.80, plus $10,000 from TV, for a purse of $36,947.80.

The near-capacity crowd of 19,260 developed from the fact the bout was televised nationally but blacked out within a 100-mile area of Chicago and the top ticket price was only $15.



A Great Champ—Kid Gavilan proved beyond a doubt last Friday night at the Chicago Stadium that when the chips are down he's one of the great champions of the welterweight division. The Keed is shown landing a bone-crushing left to the jaw of Johnny Bratton in the last round of their fifteen-round title fight. Gavilan, who won a unanimous decision, is now seeking a middleweight title bout with Bobo Olson.—INP.

KID GAVILAN DECLARED FIGHTER OF THE YEAR BY BOXING CLUB

Will Receive Edward O'Neil Memorial At Writers' Dinner January 14

HAD ONE KNOCK-DOWN IN SEPT.

NEW YORK — (ANP) — Welterweight champion of the world Kid Gavilan of Cuba last week was named "Fighter of the Year" by the New York Boxing Writers Association.

Gavilan and Patterson will be honored officially Jan. 14, 1954 at the Boxing Writers annual dinner at the Astor ballroom. Also to be honored is Dr. Vincent Nardiello, New York state chief [illegible] and ring physician to Ray (Sugar) Robinson near the end of his career. Dr. Nardiello will be honored for long and meritorious service.

Gavilan, born Gerardo Gonzales, will receive the famed Edward J. Neil Memorial Plaque, top honorary award in boxing, for his achievements during the year 1953. He defended his title three times, putting up sensational battles in each one.

In February, the Hawk knocked out Chuck Davey, at that time the most highly publicized and glamorized fighter in the ring. Since that bout Davey has never been the same in the ring.

Gavilan suffered a knockdown in the second round in September in a title bout with Carmen Basilio, but rallied to win a great fight. Last month, the Kid put on an artistic demonstration in cutting down Johnny Bratton in his third title defense. He also won six of seven non-title bouts.

The champ in taking this trophy is following in the ring footsteps of such past greats as Henry Armstrong, Joe Louis, Ike Williams, Ezzard Charles, Ray Robinson and Jersey Joe Walcott.

Patterson will receive the James Dawson award. Among the past winners of this prize is Gil Turner, top welterweight challenger.

Mike Dead; He, Joe Made Millions

By RUSS J. COWANS

The death of Michael Straus Jacobs, 72-year-old former boxing czar, in Miami Beach, Fla., last Saturday, removes another of the fabulous characters who marched with Joe Louis on the Brown Bomber's sky-rocketing trip to fistic success.

Some of the others with the hard-punching young Detroit heavyweight in those early days of his ring career who have passed on are: Damon Runyon, Hype Igoe, Jack Blackburn, Louis' noted trainer.

Jacobs met Louis in March, 1935, shortly after Joe and his co-managers, John W. Roxborough and Julian A. Black, returned to Detroit from a trip to California. On that trip Louis had scored a two-round knockout over Lee Ramage in Los Angeles, and then stopped Donald "Red" Barry in San Francisco in three rounds, a little over a month later.

Louis was matched to meet Natie Brown, a ring-wise veteran, in a 10-round bout in Detroit, on March 28. Jacobs and a large delegation of New York fight writers were in Detroit and saw Brown stay the distance. However, Jacobs, head of the newly-formed Twentieth Century Boxing club, signed Louis to meet Primo Carnera, former heavyweight champion, in the main bout on the Hearst Milk Fund card in Yankee stadium, June 25.

Joe stopped Carnera in six rounds, and convinced the New York writers of his punching power.

Jacobs had an exclusive contract to promote all of Louis' fights. This made him czar of the boxing game, and practically sealed the doom of the late Jimmy Johnston as promoter at Madison Square Garden.

At one time, in the early 1940s, Jacobs had every champion, from Louis to the lightweight title-holder, under contract. He also held the purse strings to most of the big arenas.

Jacobs' ticket office was on 49th st., a section of New York known throughout the world as "Jacobs Beach."

MIKE AND JOE IN FAMILIAR POSE

Jacobs' biggest promotion with Louis was the return match between Joe and Billy Conn in 1946.

The wile promoter charged $100 for ringside seats, and the gate was two million bucks.

Mike Gets Scare

"Uncle Mike," as he was affectionately called by Louis, was given a big scare during the time Joe was training for the bout with Max Baer, in 1935. One afternoon at Pompton Lakes Joe was riding a motorcycle when Jacobs arrived unexpectedly. With his false teeth clacking and his arms raised high Jacobs shouted: "Get off that motorcycle! I've got more than a million invested in you."

"I was awfully sorry to hear of the death of Uncle Mike," said Louis in New York. "I have lost my closest and best friend, a man who has done more for me than any man in the world."

—And He Will Be on His Back—

Louis Portrays Small Part In Movie About His Career

GROSSINGER'S, N. Y., Feb. 5 (AP).—You rode down the hill from the rambling old main building, up a snow-covered side road, and stopped beside a squat, spanking-new building, practically made of windows.

Joe Louis

"This," the fellow said, "is the ski chalet, but wait until you see it inside."

It was snug and warm inside, and pitched in the center of the largest room was a boxing ring, something you'd hardly expect to find in a chalet.

Movie cameras were set up and in the glare of big lights two big guys, side by side, were going through motions as directed.

"All right, now," the stocky man was saying. "Three jabs, a right cross, and a left hook to the middle."

The bigger of the two guys you recognized at once, although there was considerably more of him than the last time you saw him, and he was going through the motions with a ponderous deliberation which you didn't associate with him.

He was Joe Louis. Actor Joe Louis, if you please, and his companion was Coley Wallace, a tall, lithe young man who bore a marked resemblance to a younger Joe Louis.

That's why he was there as he is playing Louis in a life of the Brown Bomber being filmed, and at the moment he was trying to learn all the little movements which made Louis' style unique.

Joe himself won't have much of a part, and the part he does have will be something like the face on the barroom floor.

"I'm only in it at the last, I guess," he said. "When Rocky Marciano knocks me down."

"You aren't going to have that in there?" someone blurted incredulously. Joe nodded.

"Yeh, we want it in there," he explained. "See, it's right at the start of the picture, and the rest is a flashback of my career while I am down."

Manny Seamon, Louis' loyal little trainer, was bustling about doing the thousand and one chores he did over the years when Joe was champion. Habit is strange, and Manny clucked about, throwing a towel around Joe's shoulders during the pauses so he wouldn't catch cold just as if Joe again was training for a championship fight.

Through the windows you could see the hard out-of-door types sliding down hill on skis and things, but there was no such strenuous activity indoors, for which Joe, all 230 pounds of hmi, seemed duly grateful. Everything was leisurely, and when the stolid former champ did throw a hard punch, on orders, it was accompanied by a rousing grunt.

In the neat little impromptu dressing room Joe late rsat on a rubbing table, relaxed and affable.

"You picked Walcott over Marciano last time, Joe, how do you pick their next fight?" someone asked. Joe pondered a moment.

"I pick Marciano in 10 or less," he said, then bristled when someone asked him if he thought if Walcott was all washed up.

"He still can beat anybody but Marciano," he said positively. Wallace, rated among the top 10 heavyweights, looked up quickly.

"Ah don't know about that," he drawled.

"You think you can beat him?" Louis said scornfully, aiming at Wallace's vulnerable spot. "Anybody that gets knocked out by Jimmy Bivins . . ." His voice trailed off as he headed for the shower.

Wallace grinned and shrugged. He probably didn't think bringing up the name of Max Schmeling.

Bomber Turns To A More Gentle Art

Joe Louis, former Brown Bomber of the ring, practices up on his ping pong with Reba Monness, women's table tennis champion, prior to their exexhibition tour which began last Saturday at Kiel Auditorium in St. Louis, Mo.

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By George F. Brown

The New Joe Louis

How are you going to beat Joe Louis? Here is a man who has to be the all-time Golden Boy. In the first place, this fellow came out of the amateur boxing ranks in Detroit and in a year's time he was famous and before you could say James J. Braddock, young Joe was the heavyweight champion and a living legend. People who didn't know a left jab from a ring post were crazy about Louis. Millions of people loved Joe and they had never seen him in person.

Like everyone else in the athletic field, Joe slowed up, but his popularity never waned. Fans still talk about the great fights in the Thirties when the country was in the slough of despond. Despite the depression, Joe coined a mint of loot.

Louis has tried his hand at various businesses with good, bad and indifferent success. His most recent business venture is Joe Louis Bourbon which he is selling (he doesn't drink). Now the Champ (leave that there like I wrote it) has gone into show business. Yes, you guessed it: Joe Louis is a smash hit.

Joe and Leonard Reed, a showman from 'way back had been kidding around with an act for quite a while. In fact, Joe and Reed stole the "Night of Stars" in Pittsburgh a few years ago with their skit. There was a mess of big names on the scene, too. Bojangles, Louis Jordan, Earl Hines, Dolores Parker, Dinah Washington, Larry Steele, John Mason, and gangs of others. The show was terrific. Then along came Joe and Leonard Reed. The house came down when Louis walked on the stage. Nobody thought he was going to do anything. Then he and Leonard staged that deathless bout in which Reed threatened to mash Joe into fish food. He talked a helluva fight. Joe looked at Reed and touched him with his finger and knocked Reed out. Wendell Smith and Kiah Sayles acted as seconds in this skit and it was hard for anyone to follow Joe Louis that night.

Now Joe and Reed have actually planned their routines and have polished them into top showmanship. Joe and Leonard unveiled their act at the Apollo Theatre in New York and all they did was pull a sensational house and Joe took home around $11,000 for the week. How can he live on such a paltry sum? In fact, the Champ was so great that Frank Schiffman has booked the act again this week. When have beginners pulled down eleven grand on their first date and got a return booking in two weeks? You have to be a Golden Boy, that's all.

Now that the word has gone the rounds, Joe could crack the house record at the Apollo this week (he opens Friday). Not only that, but Joe has his protege, Dolores Parker, in the show and this girl has a lot on the ball. She won the Courier Poll as top girl singer and she has the class and material to go right to the top.

Yes, sir, Joe Louis had better be careful or he is going to wake up one of these mornings a millionaire again. Theatres have been gasping for a boxoffice draw and Joe Louis is the answer. The big supper clubs can't go wrong on this act. It's a laugh riot.

You always have to string along with the Champ and in show business the Bomber is as devastating as ever. What does one have to do to be a Golden Boy? If I find out I will pass it along—with no cover charge.

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JOE LOUIS

AT THE RINGSIDE

(By Luix Virgil Overbea for ANP)

THE JOE LOUIS SAGA—ON STAGE

Last week Joe Louis came to Chicago, but he did not see Chicago (not much of it anyway), nor did he conquer Chicago. This ringsider, however, was one of the few who went to see the Joe Louis Review at the Regal theater.

Most Chicagoans stayed away because they saw the Brown Bomber of old on television and did not like what they saw or because they felt the show would not be very good and did not want to see the great ex-champion lowered on the stage.

In New York the reception for Louis was just the opposite. His admirers flocked to the Apollo theater in Harlem, paying prices twice as steep as those at the Regal, to see their idol. They liked him so well that they demanded that he do the quickest return engagement in Apollo history.

Heroism certainly is an unpredictable item. Not too long ago Joe Louis was the internationally famous Brown Bomber, heavyweight champion of the world, and possibly the greatest fighter of all time. Today, many fans consider him a "used-to-was" who now should step out of the limelight.

They seem to have forgotten how his destructive fists actually opened up pugilism so that colored fighters could make some money in the ring without having to "dive" to make some white bum look good on paper. They forgot that only last year he fought to open up golf courses and tournaments to Negroes. They forgot that Joe has been an offiical good will ambassador for his race ever since he donned a boxing glove.

To be honest this ringsider never has felt that the stage gives Joe the dignity and respects he deserves. It subjects him too much to the whims and prejudices of theater audiences in a field in which Joe is not very much at home.

But, we must face facts. Joe is in the theater to stay—at least for a while. He has signed up a lucrative contract for The Biggest Show in Rhythm and Blues. The Champ—he will always be champion in this corner—has been too active to lay down and play dead just because his ring career is through.

On the stage Joe makes a good straight man for Leonard Reed. He should improve as he becomes more familiar with his work. He is not in the entertainment field to stay, but right now finds it his only outlet for something to do.

At this crucial stage of Joe's life he needs his fans more than he ever has. We should cheer him and encourage him especially since he wants to work for his living. If we do not like what he is doing now, let's start thinking and suggest what he might do to find life as satisfying as it was when he was a ring champion.

Joe is an ideal and a hero, and he can always be that if we help him.

Joe Louis Resents Role Of Being "Spokesman For Race"

NEW YORK — Joe Louis, former heavyweight champion, said recently he was often troubled by the fact that people generally consider him "a spokesman for the whole Negro race." Writing in the current issue of SEE Magazine, just released, the Brown Bomber told of his constant fear that he "would do or say something wrong and shame or harm colored people everywhere."

Louis stated his 'toughest fight" has always been the fight within himself not to "do things that would only stir up trouble and make things worse than ever for others."

"I don't pretend to be any great authority on racial relations," Louis said, "and certainly I don't kid myself that my toughest fight will change the nature of the world."

SLOWLY WINNING FIGHT

Louis asserted in SEE that "the American Negro is very slowly but surely winning the fight against prejudice. It's been a hard battle but I think the final round is coming up in our lifetime," he added in the SEE Magazine article.

Louis recalled an example of segregation witnessed by him in the Army, in 1942—a scene in which a careless word or action on his part would have resulted in trouble. After his induction he had been given a warm welcome by the camp commander when he noticed a curious silence.

"I looked around to see what was the matter," Louis related. "Off a piece, where I hadn't seen them during all the hand shaking and speech making, there was another group of new soldiers. My group. The Negroes."

"I didn't say anything," Louis continued, " - and that's why I figure I won that particular fight with myself. I just took my things and started walking over to the colored formation. Then the Army got its voice back and we marched off."

HITS SEGREGATED ARMY

Louis noted that 'racial segregation in the U. S. Army was an awful thing. Telling a man he was expected to die for his country - but he had to do his dying in a special group - was all wrong," Louis declared in SEE Magazine. "But with all our faults in the U. S., when we went into that war we were mainly headed right. Hitler was wrong. I didn't want to do or say anything that would help that man."

Louis revealed that he has often been criticized by his friends for his refusal to stay at hotels and other places from which Negroes are usually barred. To their reasoning that he would be helping to open doors for all Negroes, he replied: "I don't know. I just know that going where my people weren't wanted would have been too much for me to take."

Joe Louis' Ex-Wife Appeals Tax Ruling

Joe Louis' divorced wife, Marva, has appealed a tax commissioner's ruling that she owes $10,131.28 in gift taxes and penalties. In a petition filed in United States Tax Court yesterday, she said the commissioner wanted to tax her that much on $68,968.67 she received from the former heavyweight champion's fight winnings in 1947 and 1949.

The boxer's former wife, Mrs. Marva Trotter Barrow Spaulding of Chicago, said she never used a penny of that money—that it was all placed in a trust fund for Louis' child.

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JOE LOUIS

Marriage Causes Big Stir

Joe at 39 Takes Third

By WENDELL SMITH
(Special to the Courier)

CHICAGO — Cupid has kayoed former heavyweight champion Joe Louis, again.

The Brown Bomber, now retired, took unto himself a bride for the third time last week in Hamilton, Ont. The new Mrs. Louis is a strikingly attractive 23-year-old Detroiter, the former Miss Greta Starks, a model whom he met only recently in the Motor City. Courier P.1 47d

This is Louis' third marriage. He was formerly married to Marva Trotter Louis of Chicago twice. They were united in 1937, divorced in 1945 and remarried in 1946 and finally divorced again in 1949.

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LOUIS HAD DIFFICULTY, apparently, making up his mind about this marriage. He first admitted and then denied it. But finally, after attending the Kid Gavilan-Johnny Bratton fight here Friday night, told newsmen that it was true.

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Now 39 years old and the father of a girl and boy by his first wife, Louis admitted after the fight that he had married again.

He said the romance blossomed at the world premiere of the movie "The Joe Louis Story" last month. He revealed that he was introduced to his new spouse by Mrs. Carmen Murphy, owner of the House of Beauty in Detroit.

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ORIGINALLY, THE famous fighter said he claimed he was married only in order "to obtain a ticket for his wife" to the fight. After he got the ticket from Truman Gibson, International Boxing Club secretary, he denied he was married. But, hounded by reporters at Friday night's fight, Louis, smilingly coy, admitted that it was true; that he had actually married again.

"Yeah," he confessed, when cornered by reporters, "I'm married again. We were married in Hamilton, Ontario, last Tuesday."

The bride remained silent, letting Louis do the talking. She, too, denied that they were man and wife when first questioned about the affair.

Louis has been linked romantically with many of the country's glamor girls, including such dishes as Ruby Dallas Young and Delores Parker of New York City.

They Did It!—Former Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis smiles happily with his new bride, charming Greta Starks of Detroit and Pittsburgh, at the Kid Gavilan-Johnny Bratton fight in Chicago Friday night. Louis first denied that they were married, then admitted that he had taken the marital trek for the third time (twice to Marva Trotter) last week in Hamilton, Ontario.

Marva Saw Bride—Joe Louis' first wife, Marva, was among those who saw the ex-champion at the Kid Gavilan-Johnny Bratton fight with his new bride, Greta Starks, Friday night at Chicago Stadium. Marva was on hand with her husband, Dr. Albert (Ab) Spaulding, above, and not far away sat the famous Brown Bomber with his latest spouse, Greta.

They Say:

Joe Knew Girl Only 1 Month

By HAROLD KEITH
(Courier Staff Writer)

PITTSBURGH — Out of the maze of confirmations and denials which provided a love-spiced highlight to the Gavilan-Bratton hassle in Chicago last week-end peeked the news that a local girl has chained Joe Louis within the bonds of matrimony.

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One Greta Starks, ex-Pittsburgher and Detroit model, became the third Mrs. Joseph Louis Barrow when she and the "Brown Bomber" said their "I do's" in a "quicky" ceremony held across the border in Hamilton, Ontario.

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GRETA LEFT Pittsburgh for Detroit about a year and a half ago where she enrolled as a Wayne University student in the field of business administration.

While in the Motor City she worked as a switchboard operator at Mrs. Carmen Murphy's House of Beauty for approximately six months and for the past twelve months has been a model and cosmetics demonstrator for the H. and B.

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According to Mrs. Murphy, owner of the H. and B., she introduced the ex-heavyweight king to his bride at the premiere of his "The Joe Louis Story" film in Detroit on Oct. 14.

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JOE HAD TOLD reporters at first that the rumor of his marriage was "all a joke" and that he had done it to get seats for the Bratton-Gavilan match, but later broke down and confessed that the wedding had taken place in Hamilton, Ontario, last week.

Joe had formerly been married twice to Marva Trotter Louis, divorced in 1945 and then again in 1949 after having been remarried in 1946. His ex-wife has since married Dr. Albert Spaulding, staff physician at Chicago's Provident Hospital and son of Jane Morrow Spaulding of Charleston, W. Va.

Lacks Kayo Punch?

Moore Shows He May Have Shortcoming

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By Dave Brady
Post Reporter

ARCHIE MOORE once more proved how clever and resourceful he is last week when he spotted Nino Valdes 29½ pounds and came off with a decision . . . Moore has had to fight four heavyweights since winning the light heavyweight title because the 175-pounders show no inclination . . . Moore, who is talked of as an ideal opponent for Rocky Marciano, indicated a shortcoming against Valdes . . . He failed to drop him although he belted him flush on the chin several times . . . Marciano's rooters are certain Valdes couldn't survive Rocky's rocks . . . Vince Martinez's upset loss to Chico Vejar explained why he carries his hands low . . . No likum in belly . . . After seeing Billygoat Paddy DeMarco rough up Henry Davis Saturday night, a TV fan suggested his opponents should demand that DeMarco wear a glove on his head.

Archie Moore

HOLLY MIMS finally uncovered someone willing to fight him—Eddie Green of Kannapolis, N. C. . . . It's Turner's Arena's next feature, Tuesday, March 24 . . , Green has won his last three bouts and boasts a victory over Norman Hayes . . . Mims' handlers next will make overtures to Carmen Basilio for a TV bout at Baltimore April 22 . . . Promoter Benny Trotta was recalling Mims' two bouts with Johnny Bratton at Baltimore . . . Local TV hurt the first bout crowd and big shot Bratton ended up with a lush "take home" of exactly $101 . . . Calling his upset loss "all a mistake," Bratton asked Mims to fight him again . . . Mims complied, beat Bratton again, and Johnny's purse this time was only $200 . . . "I never want to see Mims or Baltimore again," Bratton said . . . Matchmaker Teddy Brenner at Eastern Parkway Arena, Brooklyn, has a synonym for Mims—"cyanide" . . . That's what managers say when you mention Mims' name, Brenner says . . .

JERSEY JOE WALCOTT is partly owned by Hotelman Arnold Herman of Baltimore, according to Herman . . . Vic Marsillo is expected to manage Walcott while Felix Bocchicchio is sidelined by his heart ailment . . . Nicola Funari, who whipped Jimmy Cooper here last fall, was under consideration as Gene Smith's opponent on the TV show at Uline Arena April 8 until Funari lost last Friday to Nelson Levering . . . Frankie Sodano is No. 1 choice now . . . Look for Henry Pappy) Gault, ranked No. 3 bantamweight by Ring magazine, to head up Turner's show soon . . . Tough getting an opponent for him . . . Lightweight Virgil Akins, another fighter who can't get bouts, will be invited to accompany Maxie Rosenbloom to Australia . . . Rosenbloom, a favorite of the cartoonist who draws "Mopsie," has a gold key fob in the shape of Mopsie's head with her likeness engraved on it.

This Week's TV Fights

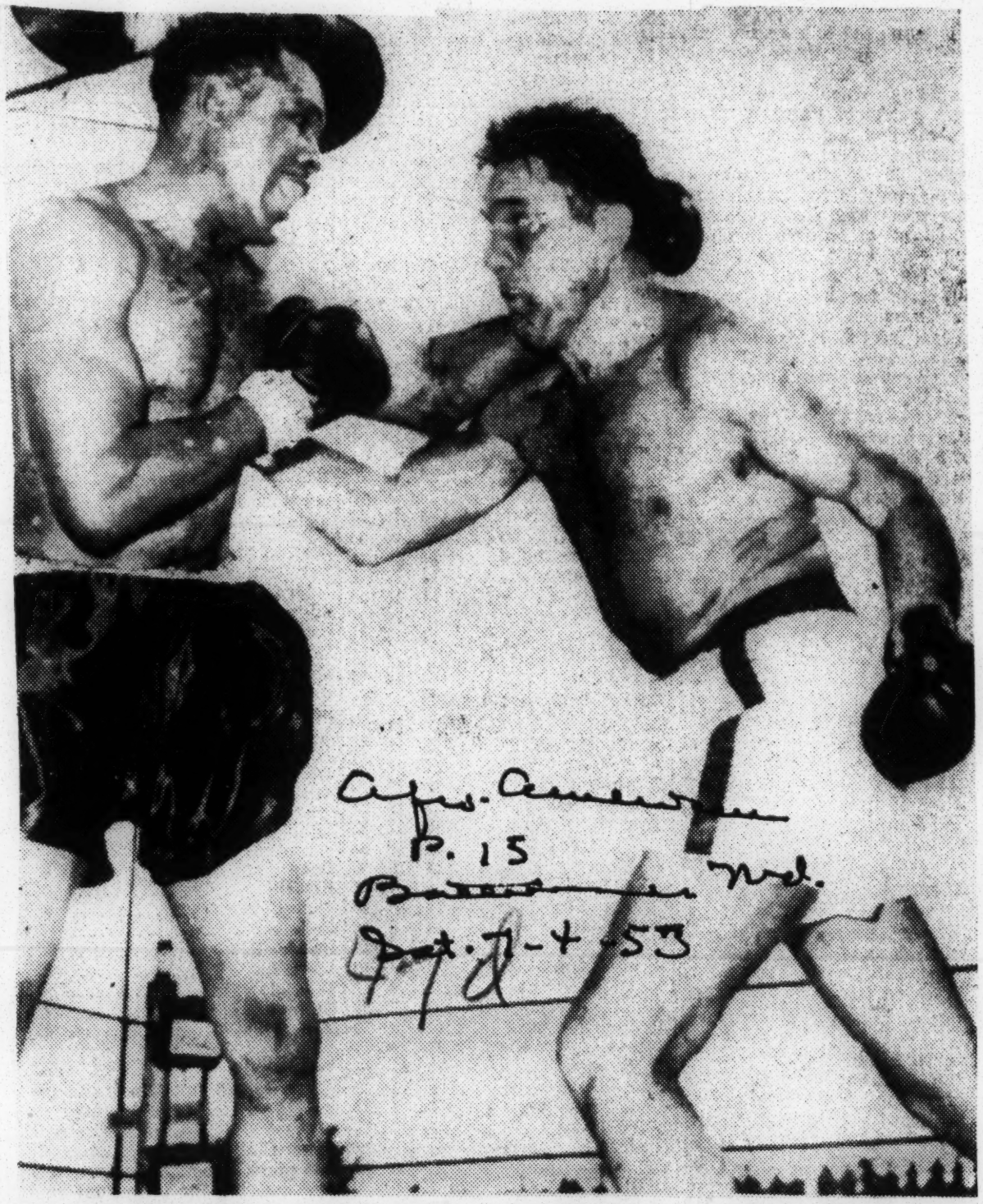
TONIGHT—Ralph (Tiger) Jones vs. Danny (Bang Bang) Womber. Middleweights, 10 rounds from Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway Arena. WTTG (Channel 7) at 10 p. m.

WEDNESDAY—Bobby Dykes vs. Pierre Langelis. Middleweights, 10 rounds from Dallas, Tex. WTOP-TV (Channel 9) at 10 p. m.

THURSDAY—Gene Gunther vs. Rocky Gasilio. Welterweights, 10 rounds from Detroit. WMAL (Channel 7) 9 p. m.

FRIDAY—Johnny Bratton vs. Bobby Jones. Middleweights, 10 rounds from Madison Square Garden in New York. WNBM (Channel 4), 10 p. m.

SATURDAY—Harold Johnson vs. Bill Gilliam. Heavyweights, 10 rounds from Toledo, WMAL (Channel 7), 10 p. m.



WADING IN—The battered challenger, Joey Maxim, wades into Champion Archie Moore in his bid to regain the light heavyweight title before 25,000 in Ogden, Utah, last week, but Moore turned on the steam in latter rounds of the fight to win a unanimous 15-round decision.

STILL LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION:

Moore Retains Title In Tame Utah Bout

OGDEN, Utah — The Archie Moore-Joey Maxim light-heavyweight championship bout here Wednesday night gave this part of the nation two "firsts."

It was the first championship bout of any calibre for Utah, and Moore's first defense of his title since winning it from Maxim last December.

6,000 See Bout

The bout, witnessed by a holiday crowd of 6,000, (Ogden declared one in celebration of the affair), was tame in comparison with many of Moore's other ring victories.

The 36 - year old California clouter however won a unanimous decision over his younger challenger and former champ, 31-year-old Maxim.

Unanimous Decision

Nat Fleisher, editor of Ring magazine of New York, called it 8-7 for Moore. Judge Ken Shulsen favored the champ, 8-5-2, while Referee Ray Miller, also of New York, had Moore in front, 7-6-2.

Utah waived its former judging—with the referee as sole arbiter—due to the unpopular decision rendered by Jack Dempsey in the Ezzard Charles-Rex Layne bout last year.

Moore The Stronger

Moore, at 174¾ pounds, proved stronger than Maxim at three quarters of a pound lighter and also the harder puncher.

There was no semblance of a knockdown. Moore emerged unmarked.

Maxim Cut Twice

Maxim suffered a minor cut under the left eye in the eighth round and one in the corner of the right eye in the eleventh.

Referee Miller put in a busy evening getting the boys out of clinches, since Moore elected to step in close most of the time.

Fought After Bell

Both fighters exchanged punches after the bell in three rounds and had to be pulled apart by the referee at the end of the 15th.

Moore was slightly shaken up by hard rights to the head in the second and fourteenth round but Maxim lacked the power to inflict any serious damage.

Both Violated Rules

The champion was warned a couple of times to raise his punches and Maxim about hitting on the break. Neither lost a round because of their infractions of the rules.

Moore was a 3-1 favorite to retain his title.

Moore, Still Champion, Lauds Skill of Maxim

OGDEN, Utah, June 25 (AP).—Archie Moore may be a relic of ring warfare, but he is still the light heavyweight champion of the world.

The thirty-six-year-old warrior from San Diego turned back the threat of Joey Maxim, of Cleveland, last night, whacking out a unanimous decision in a mauling, bruising fifteen-round match—Utah's first title show.

California Archie, who lifted the crown from Maxim in St. Louis last December, after campaigning for sixteen years, weighed 173¾ and Maxim, his thirty-one-year-old threat, scaled 175.

Referee Ray Miller, of New York, gave it to Moore, seven rounds to six for Maxim and two even. Judge Nat Fleischer, of New York, scored it 8-7 with Moore on top, and Ken Shulsen, of Salt Lake City, gave Moore eight rounds, Maxim five and two even. The New York system of round-by-round scoring was used.

Plans Are Indefinite

Moore's immediate plans are indefinite. But his manager, Charley Johnston, said he had tentative offers for Archie to appear in South America, where he won five fights in 1951, and in San Diego.

Maxim left the ring with a couple of eye cuts but neither was serious nor had any effect on the outcome. Maxim seemed to have landed the two hardest punches, both right hand blows for which he is not famed. But he was unable to hold off the swarming Moore.

"Joey was much stronger than the last time," Moore said later. "He really was in there trying all the time."

Said Joey: "I wasn't hurt at all. He caught me with a whale of a left. Not the kind that puts you away but makes your head rattle."

Moore admitted he found it hard to hit Maxim twice in succession. "He's an expert boxer," he added.

Gone was all the bitterness evident when the two threw sneak punches at the break, or when twice they continued to mix things after the bell.

No Knockdowns

At the final gong they continued to punch each other. Their handlers stepped in and the two quickly shook hands.

There were no knockdowns and aside from Joey's slight cuts and an occasional mouth bleed by Moore, no one got hurt. But it seemed to please the crowd gathered in the summer night at Ogden's Municipal Stadium.

In the ten-rounder that followed, Rex Layne, of Salt Lake City, stopped veteran Billy McClure, of Los Angeles, in the fourth round. Layne, who weighed 199, had McClure, 200, down repeatedly during the brief encounter.

Asked if Moore would like to fight the Utah favorite here, Johnston nodded in agreement.

Co-promoter Kenny Mayne reported gate receipts for the fight would total about $70,000. He said the promotion "missed by about $20,000" but emphasized that "every one will get paid."

He said between 7,000 and 8,000 persons attended the bout.

Figures obtained from the Internal Revenue Bureau showed the paid attendance as 7,963 with the gate receipts $68,317.28.

Associated Press wirephoto

Archie Moore (left) fires a left over Joey Maxim's head in thirteenth round of title bout at Ogden, Utah, Wednesday night. Moore, however, hit often enough to get a unanimous decision and retain light-heavyweight crown.

Extra Rounds Could Have Won for Pappy

By LESTER BROMBERG.

When Billy Peacock, North American bantamweight champion, gives Henry (Pappy) Gault, the ex, a return, it likely will be 15 rounds instead of 12, at which Peacock won a split decision.

Poor Pappy! If last night's Eastern Parkway Arena feature (Channel 5, too) had three more rounds, he probably still would have the title. Outgunned most of the way but never outgamed, Gault was [illegible] in the 12th. Peacock's left eye was cut, he was tired and looked like TKO bait.

At the end of the appointed course, however, Billy hadn't surrendered the lead he'd built with jolting inside punches to head and body. I'd given him 7 rounds to Gault's 5, as did Judge Artie Aidala. Referee Pete Scalzo voted 7-4-1 for Peacock. Charley Shortell, judge, found for Pappy, 6-5-1.

Go West, Young Man.

Well, meet the champ: Billy Peacock is a muscular Philadelphia ex-amateur titleholder who moved to Los Angeles to turn pro under Joe Stanley, Allie Clark's onetime Philly fighter. Peacock reached his 21st birthday only two months ago. His record now is 17-3; before this one, he'd lost two in a row to Bobby Guiterrez, who took his California bantam title. After Gault again, he wants Guiterrez.

According to the manager, his 117½-pounder (Pappy was at the class limit, 118) isn't too far away from a crack at world's champion Jimmy Carruthers. "All he needs is more experience."

Claims Finish Won It.

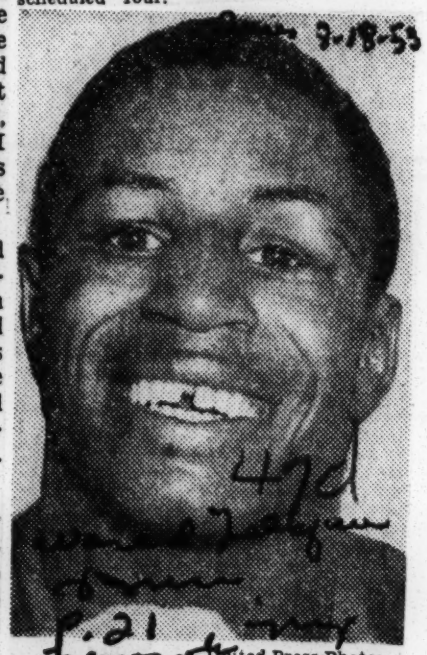
Gault, Spartansburg, S. C., pride, disagreed firmly with the majority vote. "I had the last three rounds, that won it. He just fights in spurts."

An early 3 to 2 favorite who skidded to pick 'em at ring time, Pappy revealed amazing condition in his stretch run after the punishment he absorbed in rounds five to nine, inclusive. He was cut on his left eyebrow in the seventh but it didn't worsen.

Billy McNeece, rampaging new puncher, an ex-soldier, 161½, Central Islip, L. I., stole the show in the prelims last night at Eastern Parkway Arena by 10-counting Johnny Proutt, 157¼, Spartansburg, S. C., in 2:52 of the third round of a scheduled six. Attendance 1200, gate $1500.

Other prelims:

Marvin Dick, 138¾, Brooklyn, stopped Milton Rogers, 134½, Engelwood, N. J., in 1:27 of the fifth round of a scheduled six. Iggy Zotta, 147½, Brooklyn, outpointed Benny Hernandez, 142½, Brooklyn (4). James Meehan, 142, New York, outpointed Pat Maher, 142½, New York (4). Nur Muhamed, 138, Calcutta, India, stopped Charley Kelly, 141¼, Queens Village, in 1:40 of the second round in a scheduled four.



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WIN 'N' GRIN:—The new American bantamweight champion, Billy Peacock, after he gained a split decision over Billy Gault last night at Eastern Parkway.

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ROOKIE OF THE YEAR
LIGHT HEAVY-WEIGHT

Names Patterson As Rookie Of The Year

NEW YORK. — Light Heavyweight Floyd Patterson of New York, former Olympic middleweight champion, received the James Dawson award as "Rookie of the Year" in boxing Saturday during the annual meeting of the Boxing Writers' association of New York.

Also signally honored was Dr. Vincent Nardiello, chief medical examiner for the New York State Athletic commission.

Both awards followed the selection by the New York Boxing Writers of Welterweight Champion Kid Gavilan as "Boxer of the Year".

Gavilan, who won the title in 1951 from Johnny Bratton to become the first Cuban ever to hold any world championship, was named Friday to receive the annual Edward J. Neil trophy which went last year to Heavyweight King Rocky Marciano.

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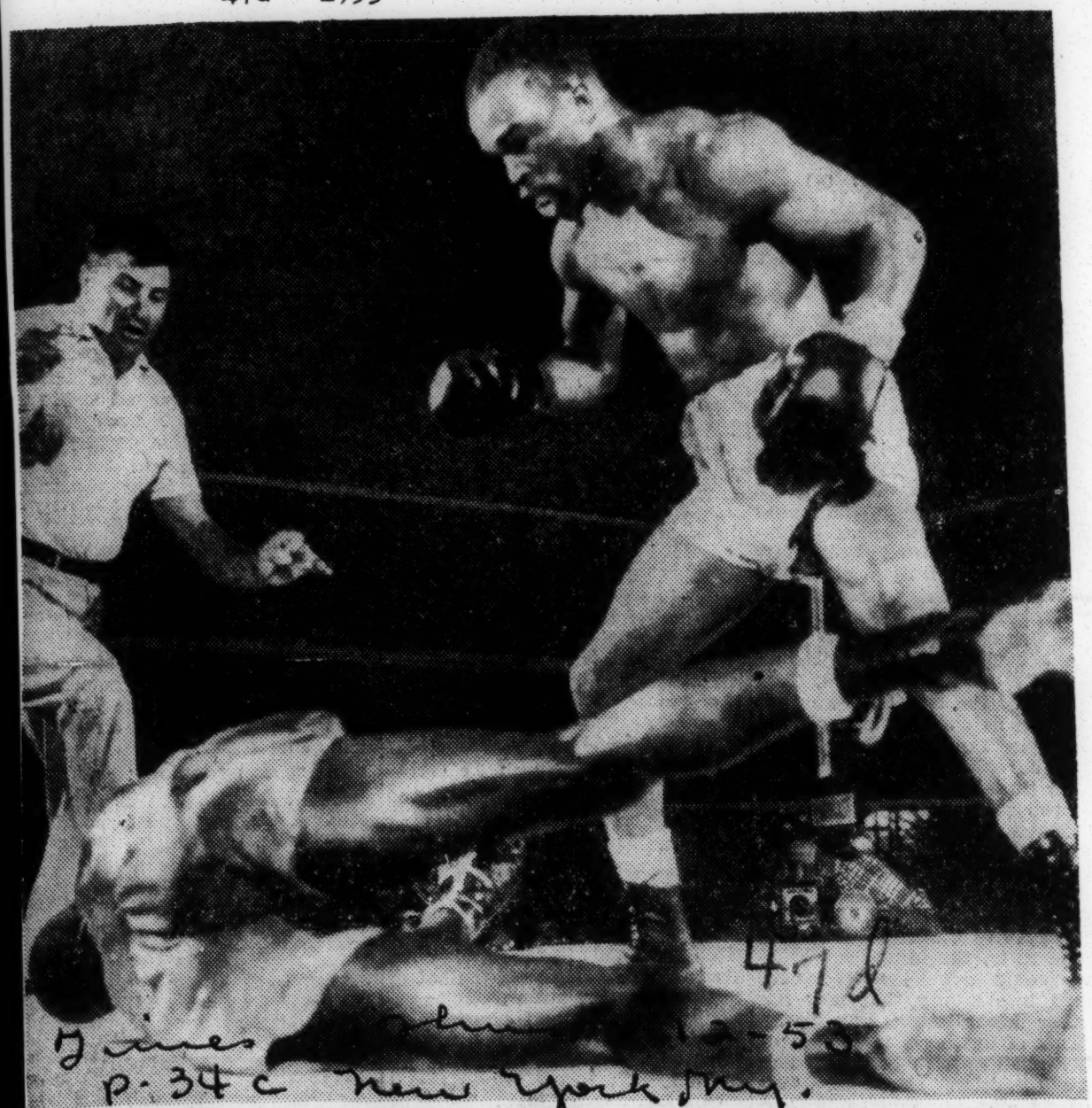

SAXTON HITTING CANVAS: The New York welterweight after he took a left hook thrown by Bud Smith of Cincinnati in the sixth round of their bout at Miami Beach Tuesday night. Saxton, winner of thirty-seven straight professional fights, was dropped twice during the battle, and his streak snapped when a draw verdict was rendered.

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RANDY TURPIN

BELL SAVES LOSER AT END OF BATTLE

Turpin Drops Miller Twice in Tenth of Leicester Contest —Writers Disappointed

LEICESTER, England, Feb. 16 (AP)—Randy Turpin, Britain's contender for the world middleweight boxing championship, outpointed Duggie Miller of South Africa in a ten-round bout tonight before a capacity crowd of 8,000.

The victory was an easy one for Turpin, the former middleweight champion of the world.

The Leamington Larruper took command from the opening bell. He dropped Miller for 2 in the second round, for 8 in the ninth, and had the South African on the canvas twice in the ast round.

The referee had tolled 7 over Miller when the bell rang ending the eight.

The exact weights were not announced, but each had to make 163 pounds for the non-title fight.

Turpin is the British and British Empire middleweight champion.

British sports writers at the ringside expressed disappointment over Turpin's showing. They thought he was not as sharp as a year or two ago.

Turpin took only six or seven punches throughout the fight. Miller was a willing worker, but his punches lacked force, and his haymakers were wide.

Miller seemingly recovered from the second round knockdown and started the third round in whirlwind style. Randy cooly avoided his rushes and counter-punched to the body. Then he shook Miller with a short right to the head. That punch drained the South African's self-confidence and he didn't make a flurry after that.

The New York Times

VICTOR IN ENGLAND: Randy Turpin, who outpointed Duggie Miller of South Africa.

Randy trapped all the way—

Bobo Olson batters tenacious Randy Turpin for middle mantle

Guard busting—Bobo Olson (left) was guarding effectively against the boring in of Britain's Randy Turpin at the third-round point in their middleweight championship fight last night at Madison Square Garden. Olson, from San Francisco, won a unanimous decision.

BY GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK, Oct. 22—(AP)—Bobo Olson may not be the greatest middleweight boxing champion the world has seen, but the tattooed man from Hawaii will do until a better one comes along.

Bobo did a competent job on Randy Turpin of England in their 15-round showdown at Madison Square Garden last night. He did not score a knockout, but only because the man from Leamington Spa had a tremendous lot of heart when he was being badly punished in the closing rounds.

Turpin made no complaint of the unanimous verdict against him by two judges and the referee.

The British pugilist, who weighed surprisingly low 157 to Olsen's 159½, had been criticized roundly for not boxing enough in training. Asked if he would have trained differently now that he knew Olsen's style, he replied between battered lips "No, my trouble wasn't physical—it was mental."

Exactly what Turpin meant was not clear. It is a matter of record, however, he is separated from his wife and has been named corespondent in a divorce suit. After the fight he told a British writer he thought he might have knocked Olsen out within eight rounds if he had been "right."

THIS MIGHT thus have been the first world's championship decided between heart throbs, none of which were visible to the capacity crowd of 18,869 within the Garden or those in a national television audience who witnessed the somewhat one-sided duel.

This particular observer saw it more or less as two of the officialis did. We thought that Olsen walloped the pixilated Briton by 10 rounds to four, with one even—in other words, that he won the title going away. It will ever be a matter of wonder here that Judge Arthur Sus-kind gave the title to Olsen by a margin of only 8-7. The other judge, Charley Shortell, had it 11-4. Referee Al Berl saw it 9-4 with two even.

Turpin won the first three rounds, and then he took a whacking from the man from the future state. The only other round which Randy was credited with by the majority was the eighth, wherein he belted Olsen a right on the chops that staggered the new champ. However, Turpin was so tired by that time that he was unable to follow up his advantage.

For some obscure reason, Turpin was a sucker at getting caught with his back against the ropes. Every time the former champ staggered into the strands Olsen followed him there and poured in the leather. Randy couldn't explain this weakness, himself.

"Why, Randy," he was asked, "didn't you get away from those ropes when you saw what he was doing to you?"

"You can search me," Randy replied from his rubbing table

OLSON SAID HE HAD NOT known beforehand of his opponent's weakness, but that once he discovered Randy was a sitting duck against the thongs he naturally took full advantage. Toward the end everybody in the place knew what was going on.

The closest thing to a knockout probably came at the fag end of the ninth round. Olson had caught Turpin good in his own corner and had sent the Briton down with a flurry of solid blows to the head. The

bell clanged, however, as the referee reached the count of five.

In the following round Turpin went down again almost at the outset, but got up and was ready to go as Berl reached the nine count. He took a severe beating the remainder of the round but was in no danger of going down again.

From there on it was strictly a matter of whether Turpin would go the route. Several times Olson had him in trouble, set up for a series of clean shots to the jaw, but each time the Briton called upon his stamina and his ability to slip punches to get away.

THE ONLY VISIBLE damage to either fighter was a cut which Turpin received under his left eye in the third round and a cut mouth. His seconds did a good job on the injury under his eye and there was never a thought that the bout might be stopped because of it. The worst that happened to Olson was an occasional nose bleed.

The fight was not a very spectacular one. The most that could be said of it was that both boys did their dead level best.

TURPIN'S TROUBLES CONTINUE
GIRL SAYS HE BEAT HER UP

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (AP)—British boxer Randolph Turpin, who lost a bid last month to regain the world middleweight championship, was charged today with beating up a young woman admirer in a Riverside Drive apartment.

Randy Turpin

The 24-year-old Negro denied that he had struck Miss Adele Daniels, 24, also a Negro, who appeared in court in a purple dress, coat and four-strand pearl necklace.

She charged that Turpin, a national hero to British sports fans, beat her and kicked her "at diverse hours of the day and night" for seven days.

She charged that one series of beatings took place about a month before Turpin lost a 15-round decision to Hawaiian Bobo Olson on Oct. 26 and the second session from Oct. 23 to 26.

Turpin was calm when he entered magistrate's court for his arraignment but the Briton was soon gaping in amazement at the battle that developed between his attorney, Sol Strauss of the International Boxing Club, and Miss Daniels' lawyer, J. Roland Sala, who represented Pat Ward at the Mickey Jelke trial.

Strauss asked for a quick hearing because Turpin plans to sail for home Wednesday and because "there is something fishy about this thing."

Sala countered by demanding that Turpin be committed for "physical, medical and psychiatric examination." At this, the boxer raised his eyebrows in surprise, looked to his manager, George Middleton, and pointed to himself as if to say "Who me?"

Middleton told him to keep quiet.

Strauss and Sala began shouting at each other. Beads of sweat broke out on Turpin's brow as Sala repeatedly referred to him as "mentally ill." He demanded the boxer be held in $15,000 bail.

The court turned him down, released Turpin in custody of Strauss and ordered a hearing for Wednesday.

After his defeat by Olson, Turpin had blamed it on personal difficulties which kept him from concentrating on his fighting.

In England he has been ordered to make support payments for three children, under court paternity orders, and is involved in a British divorce case.

At The Ringside

By LUIX VIRGIL, OVERBEA

Many boxing fans are disappointed in the results of the so-called elimination tournament which resulted last week in Carl (Bobo) Olson's winning the middleweight championship of the world by outpointing Randy Turpin of England in 15 rounds. After seeing such men as Ray (Sugar) Robinson and Tony Zale hold the crown in recent years, they are dissatisfied with Olson.

Well fans, Olson fought his normal boring in style of battle. He hits often but not hard. He is an elusive target who rides most of his opponent's punches; rarely is caught by a good blow. His unorthodox style baffles most fighters, and he usually outthinks his foes, too.

Not Explosive

With these traits as his fighting assets, he can never look too good in the ring. He is not an explosive puncher, and he is not a standup fighter. He always has been a spoiler. Only Ray Robinson and Carl Sands, a colored Australian fighter now dead had his number. They were too smart to be outfoxed by Bobo.

Although Bobo did not look too good, Turpin looked pretty bad. He looked worse than an amateur as he stood on the ropes with his hands down taking a beating without doing a thing about it. Any man who could hit harder than Olson would have blasted him into oblivion in short order.

Not Same Man

It does not appear conceivable that the Randy who fought Olson is the same man who gave the great Sugar Ray the roughest times he ever saw in the ring. There was no way such a fighter could lose to Olson. Randy lost, however, and all his alibis about domestic troubles and making the weight and all that cannot erase the memory of the poor fight he put up against Olson.

Gavilan May Be Next

Newly crowned middleweight champion Carl (Bobo) Olson probably will make his first title defense next February against Kid Gavilan, the current welterweight champion of the world. Although the Cuban Kid has a 147-pound title date with Johnny Bratton Nov. 13 in Chicago, he will get the bout, win or lose.

If Gavilan has not slipped, but finds it too weakening to make the 147-pound limit, then it could be that Gavilan will be the world's next 160-pound champion. Judging by the weight he has been carrying in his non-title bouts and the weakened condition he appeared in his last title defense, he is no longer a welter.

The added weight would give him his normal strength and stamina that has seen him defeat such 160-pounders as Tiger Jones and Walter Cartier. Gavilan has wanted a shot at the middleweight throne for months. He has a good chance to take it, too.

Turpin Fit, Only Pound Off Limit

GROSSINGER, N. Y., Oct. 15 (AP)—Randy Turpin came out of hiding to box four rounds today after Dr. Vincent Nardiello of the New York State Athletic Commission found him to be "in marvelous condition" for his middleweight title fight with Carl (Bobo) Olson.

Dr. Nardiello put the British Negro on the scales for a check, but did not reveal the exact figures. It was understood he was within a pound of the 160-pound class limit.

"He'll have no trouble making the weight," said Dr. Nardiello.

Turpin, whose training has been sporadic, wore a sweat shirt and trousers while he boxed four rounds, two with Eddie Dixon, of Newark, N. J., and two with Irving Steen, of San Diego, Calif.

Questioned by a large delegation of visiting writers, Turpin said he had been not boxing much "because I don't need it." He said his entire training campaign had been designed to build up his stamina with emphasis on road work. He talked freely with the writers, reversing his field after his early "hard to get" tactics."

Turpin's plans are indefinite. He won't box tomorrow, but then he might. He probably will box Saturday and possibly Monday. He is due to break camp Tuesday.

Dr. Nardiello and Bob Christenberry, commission chairman, will visit Olson tomorrow at his Asbury Park, N. J., camp.

With the fight a week off, Oct. 21 at Madison Square Garden, manager Sid Flaherty gave Olson a one-day vacation. He hasn't boxed since Tuesday, but loosened up yesterday with exercises. Trainer Fred Bianchi said he will spar five rounds tomorrow.

Sports of The Times

By ARTHUR DALEY

Post-Battle Musings

IT was a wonderful fight. At the end Bobo Olson's chin trembled and his eyes welled with tears. He was crying. Randy Turpin laughed happily, beaming at friend and foe alike. But the disconsolate, emotionally wrought Olson was the winner and the jubilant Turpin was the loser. Yet it was that kind of fight, strange and unpredictable to the finish, brimful of action and surprise.

The first eyebrow-raiser came at the weighing. Turpin had trained in such desultory fashion that he was expected to have trouble getting under the 160-pound limit from his original weight of 171 pounds. He made it easily at 157 but Olson barely squeezed under at 159½. The obvious assumption was that Randy would not be strong enough to last the distance.

The Britisher began operations as if he had reached the same conclusion, that he was gaited for a sprint and not a marathon. At the start he staggered the Hawaiian with a wicked left hook. He repeated that punch in the next round and did not ease his relentless pressure for the first four rounds. Then he ran out of gas—or petrol, as the British call it.

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But even with his motor stalled Turpin seemed able to refuel on occasions for flurries which might have won for him. He did that in the eighth and again in the fifteenth. The rest of the fight was the personal property of Olson, though. Twice the balding busy bee from Honolulu sent Randy to the deck without being able to keep him there. Continually he had Randy pinned against the ropes, rolling under his punches but refusing to go down.

Into memory rushed the image of Turpin backed against the ropes in the identical situation during the tenth round of his second fight with Ray Robinson. He refused to go down then, too, but a thunderous hitter like Sugar Ray slashed and cut him to ribbons until Referee Ruby Goldstein wisely stepped in to halt the slaughter. Olson had Turpin set up repeatedly in the same fashion. However, he's more of a slapper than a hitter and a knockout victory eluded him.

That's about the only rap on Olson, though. He's a highly competent workman with a tireless, pleasing style, but he just can't hit. Admittedly, Turpin isn't a graceful performer in the stand-up British tradition of Jem Figg. His clumsiness and unorthodoxy are an advantage. He zigs when he should zag. What's more, he's tough and has a concrete chin. Even the peerless Sugar Ray couldn't dent it.

The Second Guess

Perhaps Randy didn't train properly for this fight as most of his visitors at Grossinger believed. It's not revealing any state secrets to say that the Achilles heel—if you'll pardon the anatomical dislocation—of a badly trained fighter is not his chin but his midsection.

"Hit him in the belly," shrieked the ringsiders in their inelegant enthusiasm. Olson belted Turpin in the breadbasket in the ninth round and Randy went down, only to be saved by the bell. The balding Bobo fetched him a clout to the same spot in the tenth and the Britisher remained down for a count of nine.

Randy Turpin and Carl (Bobo) Olson after their title bout on Wendesday night.

After that the Hawaiian forgot or neglected to repeat the operation. Time after time he had Randy swaying against the ropes like a hula dancer. Maybe Olson isn't in the habit of slugging hula dancers.

It's hard to conceive of a more inviting target than Turpin for the last ten rounds. He kept backing into the ropes as if they formed a dead end street from which there was no escape. Twisting free was easy. He never did it. He just stood braced against the strands, weaving and rolling and swaying the upper part of his body with his arms protecting his middle but not his head.

Constant Postponement

From approximately the halfway mark, it appeared inconceivable that the fight would go the limit. Randy won the first and second rounds "big," but whatever other rounds he won were by trifling margins. Olson dominated virtually every round he took, so it was even more lopsided than the scoring tables showed. Yet it never lost its element of excitement because there was always the chance that the harder-hitting Britisher could land one Sunday punch and recoup everything.

It was an exciting, engrossing fight all the way and the surprisingly large crowd of almost 19,000 enjoyed it to the full. Once local fans realized that the New York area would be blacked out to television, they stampeded to the box offices. Even the diehards among sports promoters have begun to admit that TV strangles the gate sale.

Advance publicity on this fight captured little space, not all of it favorable, but the match still caught on sufficiently to drive the normal home viewers to the Garden in such numbers that the joint sold out.

The opinion here is that Bobo Olson, the United Nations fighter with the Swedish-American-Portuguese-Hawaiian ancestry, will make a fine middleweight champion. He's a skilled mechanic, even though a feather-duster puncher. He moves at breathless pace and never stops throwing leather. However, he does cry too easily. Since he can brawl as well as bawl, though, his emotional outbursts are excusable.

Sports of The Times

By ARTHUR DALEY

Light Exercise Only

RANDY TURPIN of England will meet Bobo Olson, the Swedish-American-Portugese-Hawaiian, for the middleweight championship of the world in Madison Square Garden tonight and the experts are even more baffled than usual. And when you get an expert unsure of himself, confusion is doubly compounded.

Turpin is the European champion. Olson is the American champion. That gives each of them one leg on the big trophy, the world title. Each has fought Ray Robinson twice and has been knocked out by Sugar Ray once. But each was leading the gifted Harlem Hotshot on points at least once before being beaten by him. As even the most backward scholar should know, any fighter who can roll up a lead on the superbly equipped Robinson is slightly better than a green hand at the trade.

However, Olson has trained for this bout in not very energetic fashion. He would spar as few as four rounds one day and merely limber up his muscles the next day. It's a cinch he won't leave his fight in the gym. But has he toiled enough to go fifteen full rounds at a furious pace? Ah. That's the question.

A Rested Fighter

Compared to Turpin, though, Olson is a dynamo of boundless energy. The one-time carnival fighter from the British stalls has been virtually resting on his oars and his laurels ever since he arrived at Grossinger. As far as anyone has been able to observe, he has worked only thirty rounds publicly. The inference might seem that he must have worked a hundred and thirty rounds privately. That inference would be wrong.

The Britisher has been resentful of the press, almost as if the newspaper men were spying on him. He has refused interviews with them and even threatened to pack his duds and hop on the next plane back to Blighty. If he wouldn't work in the ring, he should at least have taken correspondence courses in how to win friends and influence people.

It should be presumed, of course, that both gladiators know what they're doing. In the past, Olson has trained on little more than a shave and a haircut and still gone fifteen fast rounds. Turpin started to take on all comers in the carnival booths at the ripe old age of 13. At the age of 25 he may believe he's already used up his quota of rounds.

Unworthy of Belief

Advice is hereby given to accept as hogwash the hints that Randy engaged in secret workouts. It's the hoariest and most worn out ballyhoo gimmick of them all. Press agents who are desperate for headlines—unless that's a redundancy—dream up "secret workouts" and "secret punches" for exploitation by the gullible. Jack Dempsey, for instance, was supposed to have had the most secret of drills one midnight before his return bout with Gene Tunney. If he really did have it, it didn't do him one bit of good.

Even Joey Maxim, as harmless a hitter as ever dented a feather cushion, regularly develops "secret punches" of atomic power before each of his fights. The main difficulty with such secret punches are more terrifying than nuclear reaction or the hydrogen bomb. Rather than throw the entire civilized world into a panic Maxim

Randy Turpin

humanely refrains from using his "secret punches." Alack and alas!

The only secret workout in all pugilistic history that was productive was one devised by Jim Corbett at Lakewood before he met Jim Jeffries. Corbett fought full-scale twenty-round bouts every day with Gus Ruhlin and other leading heavyweights. Then he came perilously close to upsetting the huge Jeff, who was twenty pounds heavier and nine years younger.

Same Measuring Rod

The puzzling thing about Messrs. Turpin and Olson is that an observer can use the same measuring rod on each without reaching an answer to the problem. Both men fought Robinson twice. Turpin caught Sugar Ray at the tail end of a pleasure jaunt through Europe and performed the virtually impossible feat of dethroning the middleweight champion. So they had a return match at the Polo Grounds and Turpin strained credulity even more. Crude and unorthodox though he was at times, he was leading the Sweet-as-Sugar kid on points when he opened a gash over Robinson's eye. That's when Sugar Ray went all out for a quick finish and knocked the Britisher bowlegged.

Olson was a scared kid from Hawaii when he first met Robinson and the Harlem wizard flattened him in the twelfth. A year and a half later they were rematched. At the end of the tenth round, George (The Emperor) Gainsford, Robinson's manager, spoke sharply to his charge.

"Sugar," he said crossly, "you's losin' the fight. You better git you a move on."

So Sugar got himself a move on. He boxed so cleverly that he won enough of the remaining rounds to insure himself of victory.

This ringsider has always regarded Robinson as a paragon of the ring, a wondrous boxer and a thunderous hitter. Yet both of tonight's contenders for Sugar Ray's vacated middleweight title gave him a hard time of it. Those are rather eminent qualifications. The leaning here is toward Olson. But it's far from a conviction. This bout is awaited with interest.

New Bride For Turpin

WELLINGTON, Wales (INS) —British boxer Randy Turpin was married here Sunday. His bride is Gwenth Price, 27, a farmer's daughter.

NEW YORK—When Randy Turpin embarked from here for England recently he left behind $10,000 bond which was put up in lieu of his arrest for an alleged assault upon Adele Daniels.

Miss Daniels has threatened to file a $100,000 suit against Turpin.

Morris Warman

Randy Turpin and Miss Adele Daniels in Magistrate's Court at 151st St. and Amsterdam Ave. yesterday.

Randy Turpin Is Arrested On Girl's Charge of Beating

Former middleweight boxing champion Randy Turpin became entangled with the law yesterday on the ground that he allegedly threw extra curricular punches at a young woman friend.

The boxer was arrested and taken to court on a complaint by Adele Daniels, twenty-four, of 750 Riverside Drive. He was arrested at the Hotel Edison, where he is staying.

Miss Daniels charged that Turpin "hit her violent blows about the face and body with clenched hands and also kicked her with his boot."

The first beating Turpin allegedly gave Miss Daniels was on Sept. 22, the day after he arrived from Britain for his Oct. 21 championship fight with Carl (Bobo) Olson who won a decisive fifteen-round decision.

Turpin allegedly beat her twice more before the fight—on Sept. 23 and 24. The complaint lists four post-fight beatings, the first on Oct. 23, two days after Olson beat Turpin, and on Oct. 24, 25 and 26.

J. Roland Sala, appearing in Upper Manhattan Court before Magistrate John Prendergast in behalf of Miss Daniels, asked that Turpin be given a complete mental, physical and psychiatric examination because Turpin is "vicious, bestially so, in a cruel manner." The request was denied by Magistrate Prendergast.

A lengthy wrangle ensued over the date for a hearing on the charges. Sol Straus, attorney for the International Boxing Club, who represented Turpin, asked for an immediate hearing because Turpin is scheduled to sail for England at 4 p. m. tomorrow on the Queen Mary. Mr. Sala objected on the ground that he is so busy that he could not be in court again until Nov. 12.

Magistrate Prendergast finally cut argument off and set the hearing for tomorrow morning.

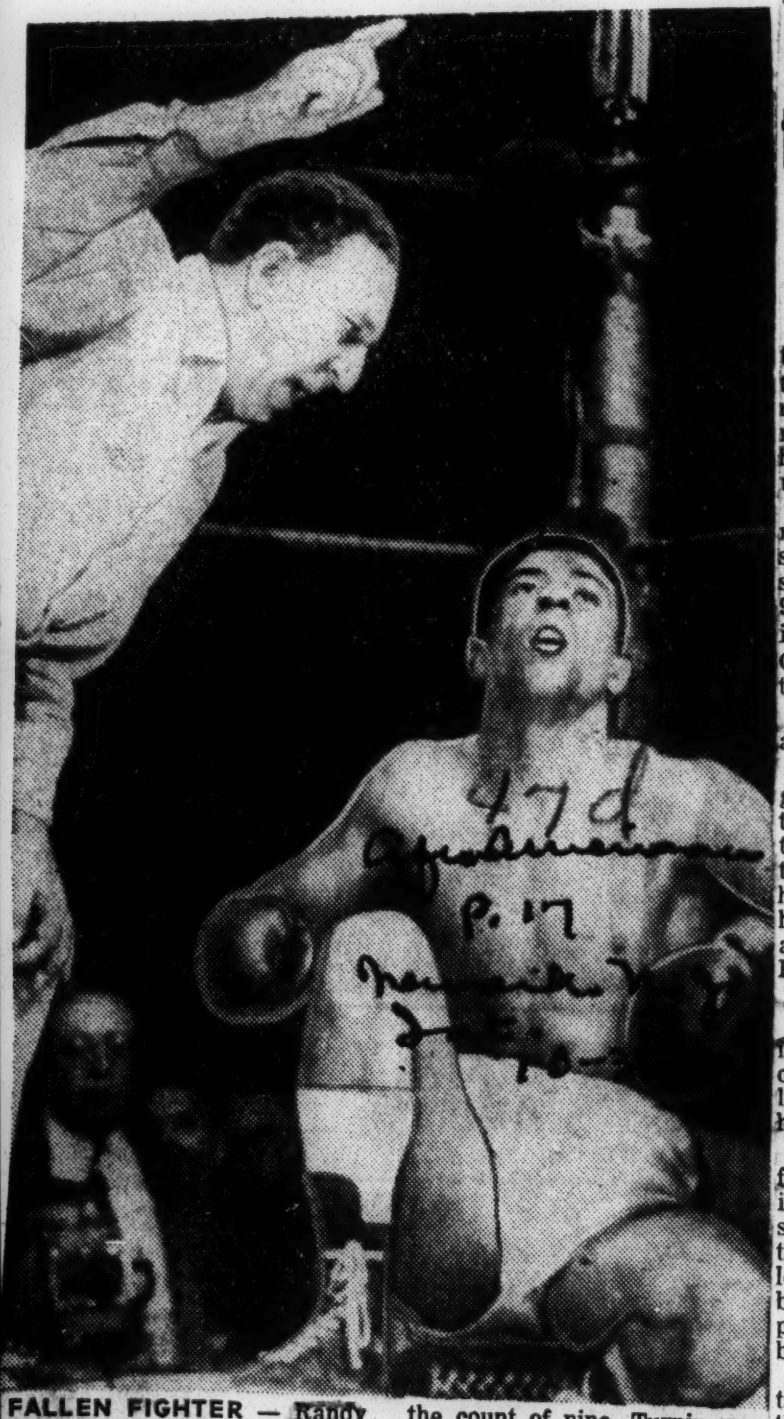
Through it all Turpin stood by impassively. Miss Daniels, who weighs about 118 pounds, placing her in the bantamweight division, compared to Turpin's 157 pounds, also stood by expressionless. She wore a purple dress and a knee-length red coat.

Miss Daniels' complaint said she was "black and blue" from her treatment at Turpin's hands, but persons in court did not see the marks. By contrast Turpin's face still plainly showed the effects of his treatment at the hands of Bobo Olson.

Turpin, twenty-five, held the championship for sixty-four days in 1951. He defeated Sugar Ray Robinson in London in an upset on July 10 and lost to him at the Polo Grounds on Sept. 12 of that year. The Olson-Turpin fight was to determine a successor to the title vacated by Robinson's recent retirement.

TIPS FOR MRS. TURPIN

British middleweight champ, Randy Turpin, who lost the world's middleweight title to Hawaii's Bobo Olson, is shown at the fights at Harringay arena, London, last week. Turpin appears to be giving his new wife some timely tips on the art of fisticuffs. The netx day Turpin appeared before stewards of the British Board of Boxing Control to explain his sloppy training methods before the Olson fight. Randy blamed personal and family troubles for his poor showing.—(Newspress Photo).



FALLEN FIGHTER — Randy Turpin, thoroughly spent, is listening to the knockdown toll of referee Al Berl in the tenth round of the world middle weight title fight at Madison Square Garden. Though at the count of nine, Turpin was beaten in the 15-round battle by Bobo Olson, of Hawaii, thus failing in his attmpt to regain the crown he once held as result of a 1951 victory over Sugar Ray Robinson.

Turpin loses title fight

Bows to Olson in comeback attempt

NEW YORK — Outfought from the sixth round to the end, and twice floored by a fighter-hitting rival, Randy Turpin failed dismally here Wednesday night in his effort to regain the world middleweight title he once held.

The rugged Briton lost a unanimous decision to Carl (Bobo) Olson, of Hawaii—referee Al Berl scoring in favor of the winner, 9-4-2; Judge Artie Susskind giving it to Olson by 8-7, and Judge Charley Shortell voting 11-4 for the Bobo.

On the AFRO tally, Olson was ahead by a margin of 10-5.

Turpin, who once whipped the great Sugar Ray Robinson and took the 160-pound title, was on top at the beginning. Through the first four rounds, he proved himself well able to take care of his opponent. In the first and again in the second, he rocked Bobo with scorching left hooks.

Lacks Combinations

However, the lad from Leamington seemed to lack any type of combination; hence Olson had little trouble getting away from him during these early surges.

Olson, after shaking off the effects of these blows, launched into a relentless chase of his stronger adversary. The latter, thwarted in his plan to fight at long distance, was frequently backed against the ropes and pummelled about the head and body.

It was at the height of one of these on-the-ropes assaults, in the ninth round, that Olson wore down his man and Randy hit the deck. And again in the tenth, pin going down under a steady barrage of Olson hooks and crosses.

Didn't Appear Hurt

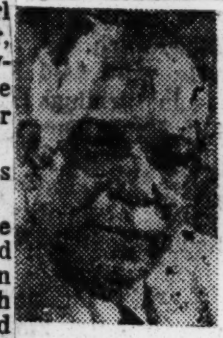
In neither instance did the Britisher appear hurt. In fact, there were signs that he felt a stinging right in the twelfth more than he did either of the knockdown blows.

After the sixth stanza, there was only one occasion in which Turpin seemed to menace his foeman. That was in the eleventh when he found the mark with a vicious overhand right which may or may not have been thrown in sheer desperation.

Evidence was that the turning point of the battle came in the seventh when Olson discovered that Randy could not back up. That was the rap that Sugar Ray put on the British champ when the Harlem Dandy picked Bobo to win on the eve of the match.

Once the ex-title-holder is forced to retreat under fire, he seems to lose both poise and power That was what happened Wednesday night, and Olson took full advantage of it.

Except for a slightly puffed nose, Olson was unmarked. Turpin suffered cuts under the left eye and about the mouth.



Turpin Was Game

SUGAR RAY ROBINON wasn't talking through his hat when he predicted that Carl "Bobo" Olson, Honolulu and an Francisco middleweight, would defeat Randy Turpin, the English champion, for the world title. Bobo moved around the challenger battered him on the ropes, in the corners, rocked him to the canvas with the bell sounding at seven thus ending the ninth round, then cuffed him down again for a nine count in the 10th and won a unanimous 15-round decision before a screaming, frenzied standing room only crowd of 18,869.

There wasn't any question about the decision. Olson dropped the first two rounds and the eighth. Turpin took the eighth. He rallied in the 13th and put on one heck of a finish in the 15th. But all this wasn't enough. The title vacated by Sugar Ray was destined to remain on this side of the Atlantic ocean although the huge crowd that jammed Madison Square Garden in New York and the million of televiewers all were amazed at the gameness of the Briton. Randy had defeated Robinson for the championship in Great Britain when Ray, barnstorming through Europe got a bit careless with his eating habits and underestimated Turpin's fighting ability.

Then came that memorable return bout for the championship in New York's Polo Grounds, home of the New York Giants baseball club, back in September 1951, a bout which Turpin's adherents still claim was stopped with Turpin out in front. That 10 round will always be a point of controversy. The English claim Referee Goldstein was too quick on the count. Robinson vacated his title in December 1952 and turned actor. Last Wednesday night Turpin was on the floor twice. Robinson, in two bouts, was able to put Randy down once Olson, known as a weak hitter but a good boxer with his best forte being in-fighting, sent Turpin down the first time with a hard right. The second visit was from a perfect one-two, the kind that made Joe Louis famous.

Olson now has won 11 straight and 56 victories for his record book. He will go after the winner of the Johnny Bratton vs Kid Gavilan bout which comes off in the Chicago Stadium on Nov. 13. Right now, unless the Kid has slipped farther than we believe, it looks like a Gavilan victory although not so one sided as the Kid's win over Chuck Davey in his bout here.

Sam Says

THE CHICAGO CARDINALS, a team on which the present Chicago judge, Fred "Duke" Slater, once played has stepped out and signed two more Negro players. One is Willie Lee Carter, halfback from Tennessee State university in Nashville via Central high in Louisville, Ky. The other is Jack Spinks, 38-pound fullback, whose aima mater is Alcorn college in Mississippi. Carter was a prep star at Central and was coached by Willie Kean. His college days in Nashville found him under Henry Arthur Kean, Willie's brother. Both Keans are great coaches.

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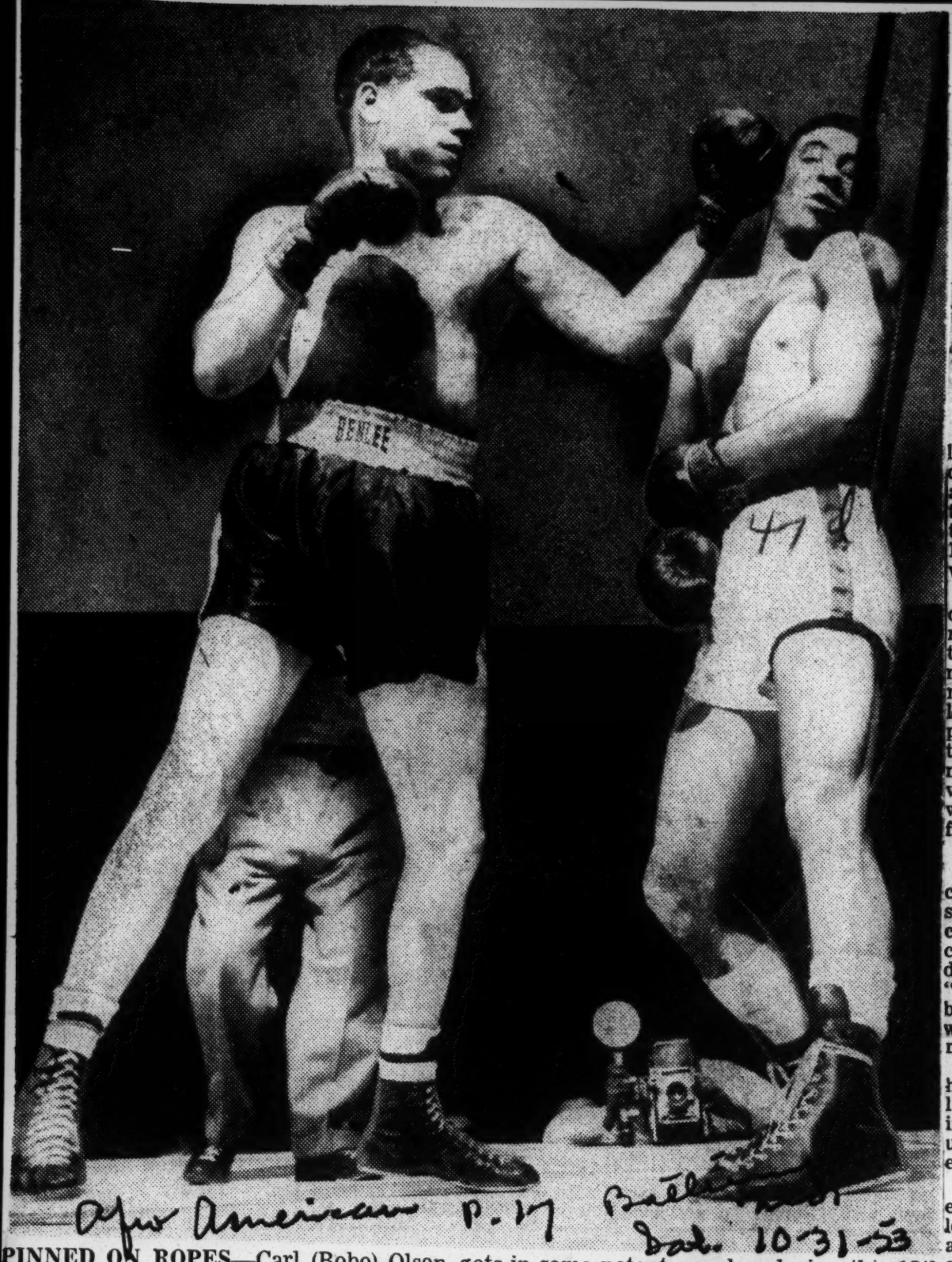
ROY CAMPANELLA is still getting honors. This time he has been picked a catcher on the Associated Press all-major league tea Sam Hairston, formerly w Indianapolis Clowns and t voted the most valuable pl the Western league, has traded by Denver to Charl W. Va. . .Outfielder Johnson the Kansas City Monarchs has been sold to the Baltimore Orioles. . .Sol Butler, former prep and collegiate broad jump champion, is seen daily around 47th and Cottage Grove in the Windy City. . .Hallic Harding, the Knox college freshman star of several years ago and later at more than one Negro college, has forsaken Los Angeles and now makes his home in Chicago. He was a great back and came along 20 years too soon.



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Same Old Story

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By AL WHITE

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Olson was not to be denied in his quest for the middleweight title. He worked hard for the fight and although not regarded as a man with a good wallop, he scored sufficiently with his slaps to smack Turpin dizzy and down. When Turpin did stand, his blows were ineffective. But he let Olson and his manager outsmart him sufficiently to win the title.

NOGGIN SMACKED HARD

Ringsiders were flabbergasted to see Olson pin Turpin on the ropes and bang away at his head like a man shooting at a fixed target. Turpin appeared hypnotized and the blows which would not save harmed him under ordinary circumstances, began to take effect. No man can be smacked around the noggin as many times as was Turpin Wednesday night and stay upright.

But this was not the same Turpin who gave Sugar Ray such a tough time two years ago. Either Turpin has gone back faster than a fighter usually does in two years, Olson has come along faster, or Turpin just didn't give a damn about the title and the fight business.

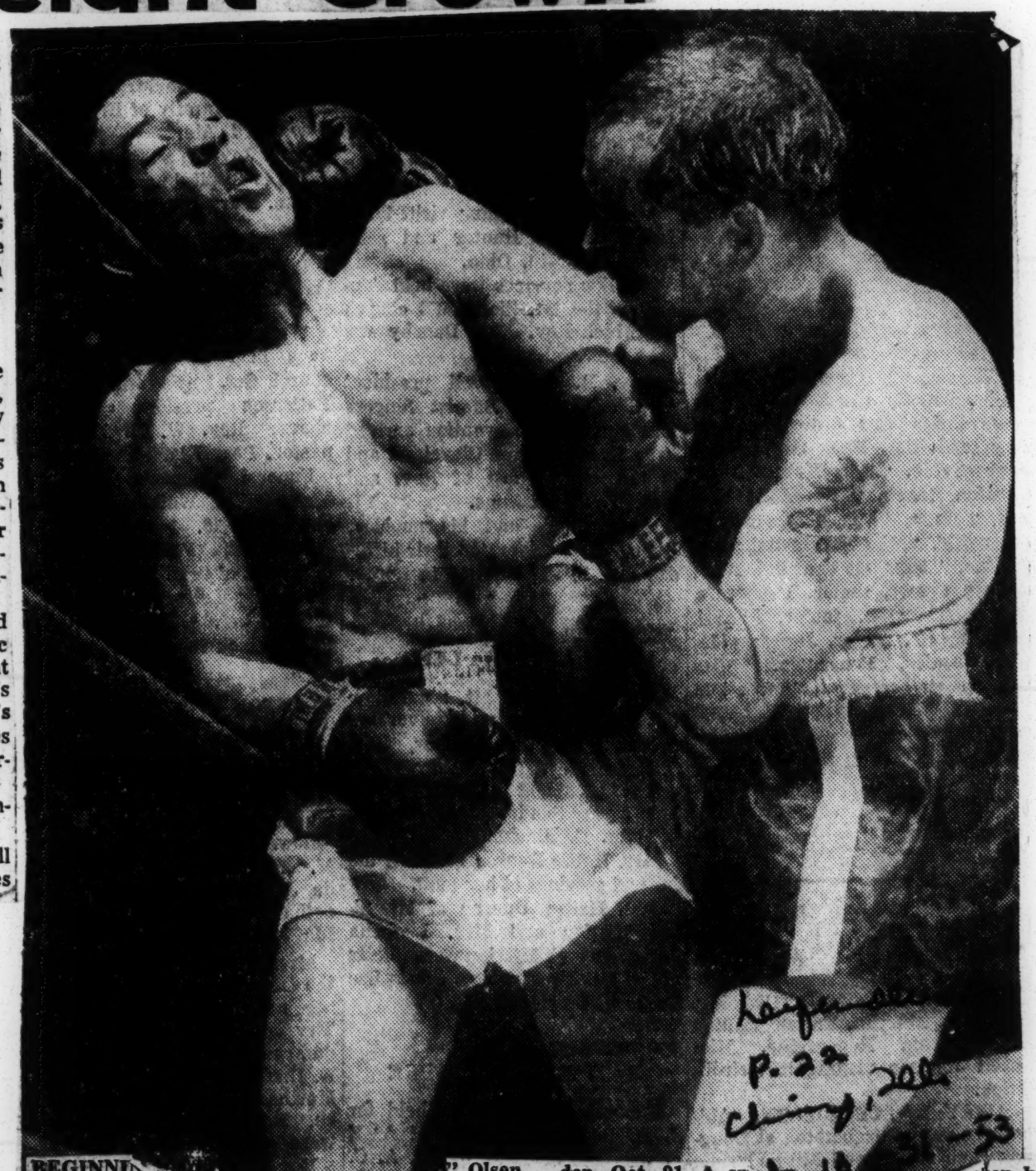
So in the turn of events, the hex that colored fighters had over Olson didn't work when the chips were down. Four times Olson had been beaten by colored fighters, twice by Dave Sands, who was Empire middleweight champ at the same time of his accidental death a year ago, and twice by Sugar Ray Robinson.

RAY DUCKED SANDS

Robinson ducked Sands when he made his grand tour of Europe, taking on second stringer Randy Turpin. What happened was historic. And the return match was even more thrilling with Robinson winning in a disputed referee's decision. However, Robinson never traded punches with Sands, a master in the same class with Robinson.

Olson after his fight, showed signs of having been in a terrific brawl despite Turpin's apparent lassitude and disinterest. Olson's nose was swollen three times It's normal size and he had splotches all over his body and face. Turpin was in just as bad shape — and what's worse, he jobbed himself out of the title.

As expected, Turpin says he'll fight Olson again. But what does Olson say?



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At The Ringside

By LUIX VIRGIL OVERBEA

Many boxing fans are disappointed in the results of the so-called elimination tournament which resulted last week in Carl Bobo Olson's winning the middleweight championship of the world by outpointing Randy Turpin of England in 15 rounds. After seeing such men as Ray (Sugar) Robinson and Tony Zale hold the crown in recent years, they are dissatisfied with Olson.

Well fans, Olson fought his normal boring in style of battle. He hits often, but not hard. He is an elusive target who rides most of his opponent's punches. Rarely is caught by a good blow. His unorthodox style baffles most fighters, and he usually outthinks his foes, too.

With these traits as his fighting assets, he can never look too good in the ring. He is not an explosive puncher, and he is not a standup fighter. He always has been a spoiler. Only Ray Robinson and Carl Sands, a colored Australian fighter now dead, had his number. They were too smart to be outfoxed by Bobo.

Although Bobo did not look too good, Turpin looked pretty bad. He looked worse than an amateur as he stood on the ropes with his hands down taking a beating without doing a thing about it. Any man who could hit harder than Olson would have blasted him into oblivion in short order.

It does not appear conceivable that the Randy who fought Olson is the same man who gave the great Sugar Ray the roughest times he ever saw in the ring. There was no way such a fighter could lose to Olson. Randy lost, however, and all his alibis about domestic troubles and making the weight and all that cannot erase the memory of the poor fight he put up against Olson.

Gavilan May Be Next

Newly crowned middleweight champion Carl (Bobo) Olson probably will make his first title defense next February against Kid Gavilan, the current welterweight champion of the world. Although the Cuban Kid has a 147-pound title date with Johnny Bratton Nov. 13 in Chicago, he will get the bout, win or lose.

If Gavilan has not slipped, but finds it too weakening to make the 147-pound limit, then it could be that Gavilan will be the world's next 160-pound champion. Judging by the weight he has been carrying in his non-title bouts and the weakened condition he appeared in his last title defense, he is no longer a welter.

The added weight would give him his normal strength and stamina that has seen him defeat such 160-pounders as Tiger Jones and Walter Cartier. Gavilan has wanted a shot at the middleweight throne for months. He has a good chance to take it, too.

Says Randy Turpin Has Shown Courage In His Two Losing Fights in The USA

By BILL CORUM

NEW YORK. — (INS) — If Randy Turpin of England ever comes back to America to make another prize fight, he should be most welcome. The young man from Leamington has made two fights over here and both of them have been real good.

Not A Great Fighter

Randy hasn't got all the things that it takes to make a great fighter. But he has, what I believe, is the most essential thing—courage.

He walks, as the saying goes, "heavy" and, I thought, he won the 15th-final round with the new middleweight champion, Bobo Olson, Wednesday evening.

I asked Jack Flaherty, Olson's manager, about that in the dressing room and he replied: "I took Bobo up, wanting to run no chances, after the 13th."

As things were, and as they turned out in this one, it was no mistake on Flaherty's and Olson's part to "take up." But, over-all, that's risky business in any fight. People, including officials, can see fights in so many different ways.

Tunney Disagrees

For example, I thought that this fight was a dandy and every fan's dollar's worth in every respect. My friend, Gene Tunney, who did a spot of fighting himself in his time, didn't think so. One of us is getting old, Gene.

It is in the nature of my business that I know that old fist fights never die and never fade away. Tell 'em what so and so did to Philadelphia Jack O'Brien is their watchword and the text from which they preach.

Sure, I know that if Mickey Walker, the celebrated landscape artist, had ever got Turpin standing against the ropes with his hands down what would have happened. It would have been the first-coming of the atom bomb.

The Walker Boys

But Mickey Walker was Mickey Walker, as was Sidney Walker (Ray Robinson) and if the Sugar Kid had to pull out all the stops to take Turpin out, is there any fair reason to ask, why Bobo Olson didn't?

Along with one of his seconds, Sol Gold, and likely a lot of other folks, I wanted to run into the ring the other evening, when Olson had Randy set-up dandy against the ropes and holler: "Holy smokes, Bobo, hit him just one left hook in the belly, and we'll all go home."

Because it was so plain that on the few occasions that the new champ dug his left into the roast beef of Old England that Turpin was hurt as no blow to the head had hurt him, or ever did.

Olson Can't Punch

Yet, Bobo fights as he fights. No puncher for sure. Even though he knocked the man down a couple of times, everybody who saw the fight saw that the young man from Fort Shafter can't punch much.

Still the young man kept punching, punching, punching. I cannot find it in my heart to hate him for that.

But I can, and do, doubt that anybody ever saw two more sincere and desperate fights than Rocky Marciano and Roland LaStarza, and Bobo Olson and Randy Turpin in succession.

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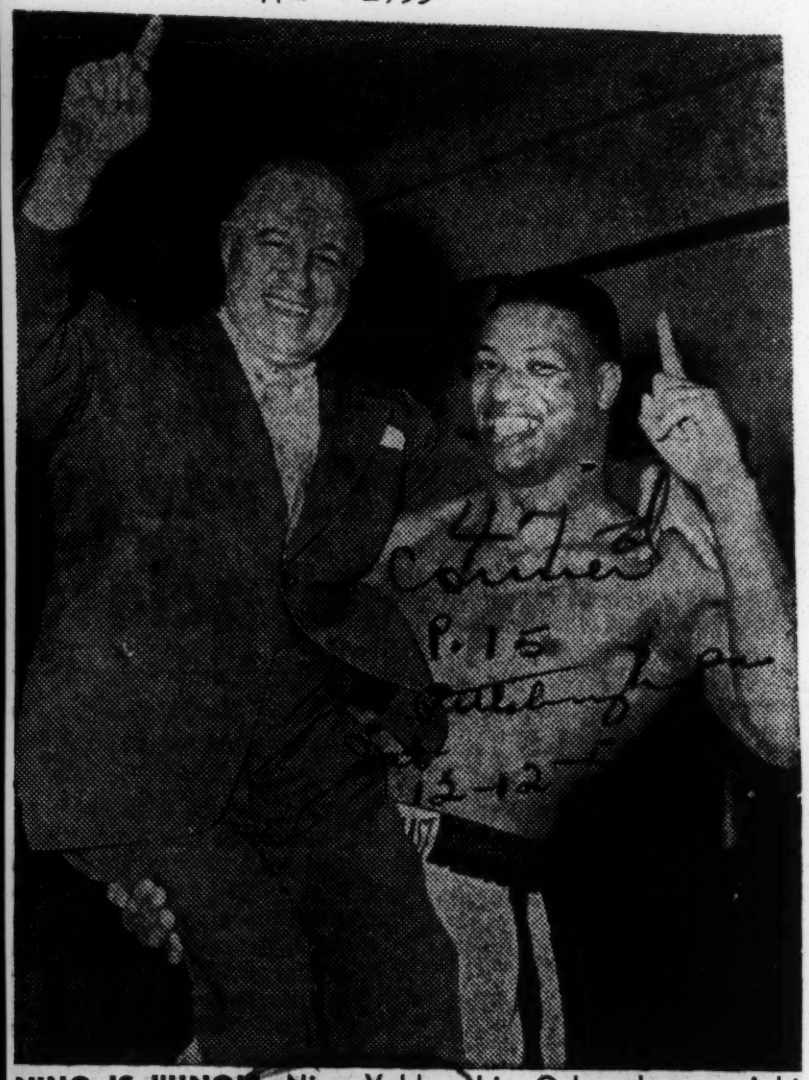

NINO IS "UNO!"—Nino Valdes, big Cuban heavyweight who recently scored an upset victory over ex-heavyweight champion Ezzard Charles, is seen lifting his manager, Bobbie Gleason, with the right hand, and joining in upraising a finger to indicate his newly won position as the top contender for the crown of Rocky Marciano. Valdez is the first foreigner to be top-ranked in the biggest division since the heyday of Max Schmeling, fifteen years ago. — INS Photo.

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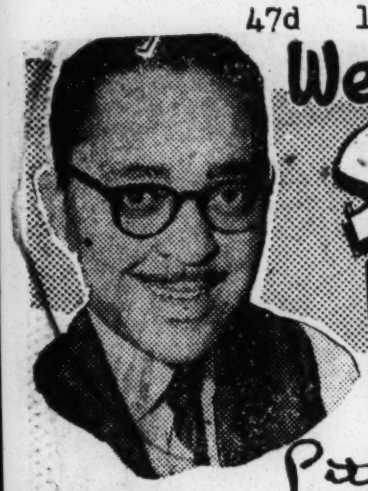

Wendell Smith's SPORTS BEAT

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It Happens After Every Fight . . .

CHICAGO—The thunder that landed on Jersey Joe Walcott's unprotected jaw Friday was loaded with lightning. It was just as electrifying as the bolt that caused his disintegration in Philadelphia last September.

Apparently he hadn't recovered fully even after he reached his dressing room, a musty catacomb deep in the recesses of spacious Chicago Stadium.

It wasn't difficult to detect that this was the dressing room of the defeated. It was ghostly quiet in there. Walcott kept feeling his jaw as if to see whether it had been broken or fractured.

"I could have gotten up at the count of two," he said, the ancient mariner of the ring. "I wasn't hurt at all."

"Why, then," he was asked, "didn't you at least rise to one knee and take the count kneeling?" He was flat on his back until the count of eight.

"I did," he said emphatically. "I got up on one knee at the count of three. I kneeled and watched my manager in the corner. I was waiting for him to signal me to stand up."

Felix Bocchicchio, the manager, said:

"Sure, Joe kept looking at me. When the count reached seven, I motioned for him to stand up. When he did that, the referee stepped in and stopped the bout. They stole the fight from us. They did it in the first Louis fight, and again here in Chicago."

Bocchicchio did not, however, confirm Walcott's statement to the effect that he got up on one knee at the count of three. He couldn't. He didn't hear the referee's count.

Jersey Joe didn't stir until the count of eight. He laid there on his back, stretched out like a man who had been stricken with a paralyzing disease.

When he finally did maneuver himself into an erect position, the count was over. The referee waved Marciano aside and said:

"That's all, the fight's over."

Walcott stared at the arbiter, like a man who had been hypnotized. When the referee walked over to him, the man from Camden spoke, thick-tongued.

"Nine," he said. "You only counted to nine."

The referee, Frank Sikora, waved him aside, shaking his head.

"No, Joe," he corrected, "You got a full ten count, the fight's over."

In the dressing room, Walcott insisted that he never heard anything past seven. "He counted to seven and no more," he said, pouting. "I shouldn't have been compelled to stop fighting. I was ready to tear into him. That was a fast count he gave me."

His trainer, Dan Florio, agreed. "I never saw anything like that," he growled. "They took the fight away from us, cheated us. That was strictly a fast count.

"What is this, Russia? When I walked over to the referee afterward, he told me to get out of the ring. What is this, Russia? Can't a man protest in this country any more when he's been jobbed out of something?"

They brought Jersey Joe his street clothes and he started putting them on. He was wearing a blue sweater, gray slacks and blue suede shoes. He kept shaking his head and mumbling to himself as he dressed.

Two doctors, representing the commission, came into the dressing room. "How does he feel?" one of them asked. He was hit with a left, or somethin' . . .

"We'd like to examine him. It's just routine, nothing more. We always examine the fighters after a fight."

Bocchicchio didn't want them to examine Joe. "Naw," he growled, "Get outta' here. We don't need any doctors. What we need right now is a decent decision. He ain't hurt physically, just mentally."

The doctors shrugged their shoulders and walked away. "What can we do," one of them said helplessly, "his manager is the boss. We just want it known, however, that we tried to take a look at him."

Walcott was quiet. He just stood there with his hands on his hips, looking off into space. Bocchicchio did all the talking.

"Joe knew what he was doing all the time. He waited for me to tell him to get up, and when he did, he was counted out. What kind of a town is this anyway?"

"He wanted to count Joe out so bad, he counted 2-4-6-8. How about that?"

Someone asked Walcott how he happened to get knocked out. It was a dramatic occasion. He went out before the fight really got started.

"He just hit me with a left, or somethin'," Walcott grumbled. "But I could have gotten up. It was over before I had a chance."

Then he walked out of the dressing room. He held his balding head down as he walked along the corridor, as if he was ashamed. Bocchicchio and Florio flanked him on each side.

That was all of it for Jersey Joe. Seven other ex-champions had experienced the same thing when they tried to regain the treasured heavyweight crown—defeat.

He was the eighth who faltered, fell by the wayside. Whether it was a long count or short count, everything still adds up to this . . .

They never come back . . . never . . . never . . . never.

Joe Walcott is no exception.

Jersey Joe Rated Third In Rankings

NEW YORK — Ring Magazine sprung a surprise by putting Jersey Joe Walcott in third place among the challengers for Rocky Marciano's heavyweight crown. Marciano knocked out Walcott in the first round, last July 15, in Chicago. The listings were the magazine's monthly rating of fighters.

Ezzard Charles, who stopped Larry Watson in five heats in Milwaukee, Wis., last week held onto the top position among the contenders, with Roland LaStarza in second place.

Tommy Harrison, the light-heavyweight from California who caused the postponement of the Marciano-Walcott fight when he injured Rocky's nose during a sparring session, moved into the sixth slot.

Harold Johnson ranks behind Joey Maxim among the contenders for Archie Moore's light-weight crown. Randy Turpin holds top post for the middleweight title vacated by Sugar Ray Robinson.

Jersey Joe Says He Was Victim of Quick Count in Chicago Bout

By BILL NUNN JR.
(Sports Editor)

CHICAGO—They played the Jersey Bounce in off-time here at Chicago Stadium last Friday night and Jersey Joe Walcott, the dancing master from Camden, N. J., just couldn't keep up with the tune.

The sour note, which struck a discordant blast in what was scheduled to be a fifteen-round swing session, was sounded by Rocky Marciano just two minutes, twenty-five seconds after the shindig got under way. And while the song ended suddenly the melody continues to linger on this week.

WALCOTT, STILL bitter over what he considers one of the worst injustices ever committed in a boxing ring, is singing the blues loud and long, that he was "short changed" by Referee Frank Sikora in his attempt to regain the crown he lost to the same man less than a year ago in the thirteenth round.

In his dressing room after the fight the 39-year-old battler declared bitterly, "it was the rottenest deal of my life," in talking about the sudden and dramatic ending that surprised the entire boxing world.

"I could have gotten up at the count of two," Walcott said. "I wasn't hurt at any time. I looked over at Felix (his manager) and he told me to stay down. At six or seven he signaled for me to rise. I never heard the referee get past that point."

Whether Walcott's senses were with him after he was sent sprawling to the canvas with a short left hook and right uppercut depends entirely on what side of the fence you were sitting. The punches that sent Joe down didn't appear to have all of Marciano's potent punching power behind them. But, the final blow of the bout landed flush on the jaw and could have been enough to do the job.

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AFTER THE knockdown, Walcott pulled himself to a sitting position, placed his right hand on the middle strand of the ropes and proceeding to watch Sikora toll ten. It wasn't until after the count was completed that Jersey Joe got to his feet.

JOE'S THROUGH . . . SHE HOPES—The home of Jersey Joe Walcott in Camden, N. J., was a sad place last Friday night after his one-round loss to Marciano. Mrs. Arnold Cream, wife of the former champion, said after the fight that Joe promised her and the children that, win or lose, the fight was his last. Mrs. Cream is being consoled by her daughter, Doris, 15 (her arm around her mother).

When the ancient ring warrior stood up he was visibly wobbly, his eyes were glassy . . . HE APPEARED DAZED.

It was at this point that Walcott's entire boxing entourage, led by trainer, Dan Florio, and Felix Bocchicchio jumped into the ring shouting that they had been dealt a short count. Coming in on cue, Jersey Joe picked up the chant, and the parade was on.

For almost ten minutes he and his group of handlers ranted and raved to anyone within listening range that an old Chicago "heist" had been pulled. The objections continued in the dressing room.

Bocchicchio said venomously, "the referee must have counted six, eight, ten. We never did hear him say nine. The knockdown timer apparently was counting on the up and down movements of his hand."

Florio, waving a stop watch around in his hand, was fighting mad. "It was a short count," he said. "What do these guys think I am a sucker or something. As soon as Joe hit the canvas I clicked my watch. I do it whenever a fighter of mine is in the ring.

"Look at it," he shouted, "it shows it was a split second before nine when the referee counted Walcott out."

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UP UNTIL the sudden ending the fight had been dull. Marciano was doing most of the forcing, while Walcott seemed content to retreat and try to feint his man into an opening.

Several times when they got in close, Walcott would immediately force a clinch. Coming out of one of those clinches Joe landed his best blow of the fight an overhand right hand.

From then until the end it was just Walcott jabbing and Marciano lunging and missing.

For his part in the proceedings Walcott came away with $250,000, which amounted to $1,724 for everyone of the 145 seconds the fight lasted. The guarantee Walcott accepted before the fight enabled him to walk away with more than Marciano who drew down $166,000 for his end of the purse. The entire bout grossed $313,975, with the net being $253,462. A crowd of 13,266 witnessed the fight.

While Walcott must feel consoled over the size of his pay check, he must also see his name go on record as being the sixth quickest knockout in the history of the division.

Walcott's Manager Called Menace

Illinois Commission Urged To Bar Bocchicchio For All Time

By JACK MABLEY
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CHICAGO, May 19.—The Illinois Athletic Commission should bar Felix Bocchicchio from boxing. Walcott's manager is a disgrace to the sport, if you can still call it that.

Every time Bocchicchio opens his mouth he further endangers the very existence of boxing.

He's dragging his fighter down into the mire with him.

Bocchicchio's performance after the defeat of his boxer—his alibis, his wealzeling, his phoney accusations—bring shame to everyone connected with the sport.

Long-Distance Yowler

Bocchicchio's crying goes back a long way. He screamed he was "robbed" in the Walcott-Louis fight. He cried foul after losing to Marciano in Philadelphia.

He started his evil tactics for last Friday's fight months ago. His "butting" charge was a fake from the start.

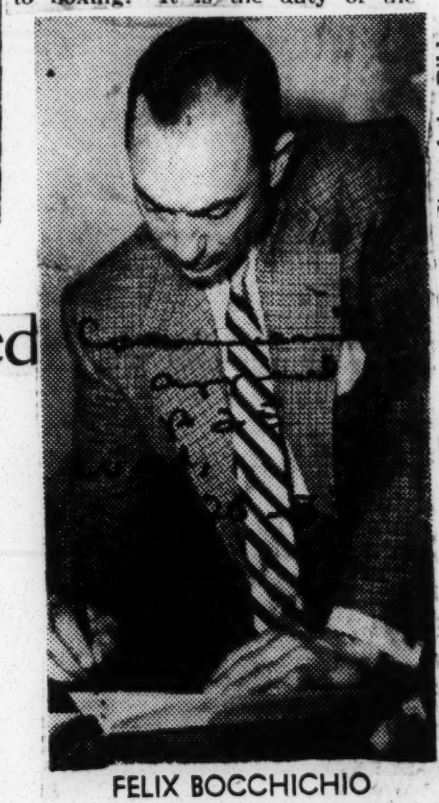
Friday night his fighter put on one of the most miserable exhibitions in the history of championship boxing.

Bocchicchio didn't even have the grace to keep his mouth shut. Maybe he never heard Jack Dempsey's alibi to his wife after a beating from Gene Tunney. "Honey, I forgot to duck," was Dempsey's statement.

Bocchicchio has accused the referee of dishonesty, of pushing Walcott down, of not counting loud enough, of counting fast. The charges are asinine, and the commission has no business taking them with a shrug.

Damages Boxing

Bocchicchio's irresponsible statements have done serious damage to boxing. It is the duty of the commission to discipline Bocchicchio.



FELIX BOCCHICHIO

Bocchicchio may be guilty of a far more serious offense.

The speed with which Marciano dispatched Walcott indicated Walcott had no business in the same ring with the younger man.

If a single punch by Marciano could knock Walcott senseless, what would 10 rounds, or even five rounds of hammering punishment have done to him? Walcott could have been seriously injured or killed.

The Illinois Athletic Commission approved the championship fight. They were told Walcott was 39.

Would they have allowed the fight to go on had they known that Walcott is 43? Almost certainly not.

Admitted His Age

But Walcott told a Chicago reporter two years ago that he was 41. That would make Walcott 43 years old when he climbed into the ring to face Marciano.

It is the duty of the commission to learn the truth about Walcott's age.

Bocchicchio knows it. If Walcott is not 39, Bocchicchio and Walcott have been living a lie, and making fools out of athletic authorities.

Bocchicchio boasts of Walcott's strong religious background and his constant reading of the Bible.

Why don't Chairman Livingston Osborne and Commissioners Johnny Behr and Lou Radzienda invite Walcott in, and ask him to swear on the Bible that he is 39?

Somebody is lying.

Walcott Loses In Bid For Glory; Still Champ To 50 Jersey Creams

By ETHEL L. PAYNE

Jersey Joe Walcott lost the fight, but he's still the champ to about 50 people. These include his six sisters who left their kids behind in Camden, N. J., the family seat, with their husbands as baby sitters and trooped out to Chicago to be with their idol.

Mrs. Walcott and the six little Jersey Creams also remained behind. She never goes to any of her husband's fights. The Walcott clan includes three brothers besides Jersey Joe. Robert, the youngest is in Korea. The ten brothers and sisters have a total of 40 offsprings between them.

Tired and bewildered by the outcome as were the 15,000 people who paid from five to $50 dollars to see the brief spectacle, Jersey Joe went back to his hotel where his six sisters waited to greet him. Naomi was the only one with courage enough to go to the fight. The rest stayed behind and paced the floor.

The six are Mrs. Ruth Jones, the eldest; Mrs. Edna Harris, Mrs. Naomi Holmes, Mrs. Dorothy King, Mrs. Bertha Taylor and Mrs. Barbara Gray. Speaking for the group, Edna said. "He'll always be our champ because he's been striving for us for so long."

Mrs. Barbara Marciano admitted that she was nervous before the fight; but declined to make any predictions. She only hoped the best man would win. She went to the fight accompanied by her father, Lester Cousins, a Brockton, Mass. policeman. An attractive athletic young woman with sleek bangs, she has a friendly down to earth manner. She wore a stunning creation of black shantung and sequins; but her father says she's more at ease in dungarees. She left her five-month-old daughter, Mary Anne with her mother in Brockton, while she came out here with her father to be on hand for the big event. She said that she and Rocky will take a two-weeks vacation before returning to Brockton where their new ranch house is being completed.

Cousins, a giant of a man, who used to be a sparring partner and who played professional football adores his tomboy daughter who is his only child. He said he had a powerful lot of respect for Jersey Joe as well as his son-in-law, whom he pronounced a prince of a fellow.

Mrs. Marciano says that her husband is a quiet, even-tempered person who keeps in training even between fights. He likes her to cook his favorite food, steaks and he's always in bed by 10 o'clock. She wore a magnificient blue diamond ring, her husband's Easter present to her.

The last time I went to a prize fight was when Joe Louis threw a couple of slugs and left King Levinsky sitting in the ropes in two minutes of the first round. I had just settled myself in my beautiful $50 seat when Jersey Joe took a seat on the canvas for a too-long count. What hoppened? I don't know; but I'm beginning to believe that there's a hex somewhere. Maybe I'll go to Milwaukee the next time and watch it on TV.

Films Show Walcott Got Full Count

the left hook that most television fans thought did the trick.

Walcott's back was to the TV cameras, but the 3-D films captured his dazed look through the fifth or sixth count tolled out by Sikora at his side and the official knockdown timekeeper Mike Murphy. It showed him on his haunches, one arm over a rope, and his face trained on his corner and Bocchicchio.

He's a Dazed Fighter

Referee Sikora watching official Knockdown Timekeeper Murphy at the edge of the ring, began his count which was clearly audible from one through 10. Jersey Joe, sitting on the canvas with his right arm draped over a ring rope, appeared dazed at the beginning of the count and kept watching his corner and Bocchicchio.

When the count reached five Walcott appeared to be just sitting there and as Sikora tolled on there was no apparent movement on Jersey Joe's part to get up as he sat watching Bocchicchio in his corner. When the count reached nine, only then did Walcott stir and he was just ready to move one of his legs when the 10-count was clearly tolled.

At that, Jersey Joe rose quickly to his feet. He appeared a little wobbly but soon recovered his composure.

"I still think it was a fast count," Bocchicchio said after viewing the movies.

Says It's Too Fast

"I'd like to have seen the fight on kinescope because I don't kno wwhether 3-D can be altered. Although the referee counted 10, Walcott couldn't have been on the floor more than seven seconds, if that much. There's no doubt the referee counted 10, but it was too fast."

Bocchicchio has charged that in addition to the "fast count", the referee pushed Walcott while he was getting up. There was no evidence of that shown in the pictures.

Walcott's manager also contends that the timekeeper did not bang his hammer on the ringboard with each second of the count, as is customary. The picture showed there was no banging on the ringboard but that Murphy counted off the seconds with his arm and hand. These motions were picked up by Sikora standing at the side of Walcott and calling the count.

Asked if the referee could have counted too rapidly, Osborne said, "I'm not worried about that. I was sitting next to the timekeeper at the fight and followed the count with him."

The International Boxing Club arranged the special showing of the films of the two minute, 25 second kayo in Chicago Stadium Friday. One of the writers, Jack Mabley of the Chicago Daily News, timed the count with a stopwatch as he viewed the films. At Sikora's ten-count, Mabley's dial read 10.1 seconds.

A showing of the kinescope (picture made off television) and the 3-D movie of the fight also was shown to writers in New York.

Several newsmen clocked both the kinescope and 3-D showing of the knockout and all had it in 10 seconds or more. The length of the round was time dby two newsmen in exactly 2:25, the time of the round.

COUNTED OUT AGAIN.—Shown here in one of his two frequent poses, Jersey Joe Walcott, ex-champion and first round victim of Rocky Marciano, was counted out again last week when the National Boxing Association excluded his name from the heavyweight boxing contenders. Jersey Joe's name has been among the top ten in the heavyweight ratings for many years. But apparently his announced decision to retire after his feeble showing against Marciano in their last outing caused NBA to omit his name from the ratings. However, Walcott has had eight shots in title contention. Probably he has had enough of the very gruelling game of professional boxing.

IF YOU ASK ATLANTA TV WATCHERS

'Count' Short and Fans Short-Changed

By CHARLIE ROBERTS

Fifteen out of 20 television-set owners telephoned by The Constitution Friday night in a "Hooper Ratings" poll had been watching the bang-bang Rocky Marciano-Joe Walcott World's Heavyweight championship fight.

Of the five who were not watching, one was watching a program on another station. One had turned on the set too late and was watching wrestling a few minutes after the title bout was ended. Three didn't have their sets turned on.

Most of those who did watch the fight were more dazed than the quickly kayoed Jersey Joe, and about two-thirds thought Walcott had suffered the injustice of a "short count," their reaction being highly indignant.

Bill Hutt Jr., 1590 Langston St., S. W., perhaps best expressed the general feelings of televiewers contacted in Atlanta.

"I was in Tampa, caught a plane home and was relishing the idea of seeing the fight at home with a party of friends. I arrived here, rushed out and bought some crackers, anchovies, hor d'ouvres, and drinks and was all set," said the puzzled Hutt.

"Just as the fight was about to start, I went in the kitchen for a moment. I almost missed the fight entirely. I was astounded that such a ballyhooed fight should end so quickly. I believe this is one of the worst things that has ever happened to boxing. This will set the game back worse than anything ever has.

"People who spent a lot of money to see it surely must feel cheated. I know I would."

Comments from some others willing to be quoted follow:

Jensen Kelly, 451 Whitefoord Ave., N. E.—There wasn't enough of it. Boy, that's easy money. I think I'll go into the fight racket.

Bill Grant, 535 Washington, S. W.—That Walcott just couldn't get up fast enough.

Robert Green, 82 Boulevard, S. E.—They say they never come back. They don't have much chance to with a count that short. I've never seen one that short in my life.

Yvonne Mock, 133 Tenth St., N. E.—Walcott was robbed. That was the stinkingest decision I ever saw.

Anonymous—(Refused to Give Name)—If that's what the boxing game is like, we don't need any more of it. I'm even mad at the sponsors of the broadcast.

H. L. Chewning, 229 Fifth Ave. It struck me that the decision was very rotten. I thought Walcott got a raw deal.

Mrs. C. A. Stanford, 1415 Almont Drive, S. W.—Well, it was over mighty fast. I couldn't tell much about it. There was a lot of counting, and that man sitting down (Walcott) looked like a mighty confused fellow.

Rev. Phil Jones, 110 Moreland Ave., S. E.—Well, I was very disappointed. I thought it would be a better fight. I was pulling for Walcott, but I thought it was a fair call.

Fred Lunsford, 1282 Erskine Ave., S. W.—It was the shortest fight I ever saw. The count seemed to be a bit short. Walcott seemed stunned all right, but I believe he could have gotten up and fought some more.

Larry Durand, 1721 South Pryor Road—That was a terrible fight. Marciano seemed to push him down, not knock him down. I was counting after the knockdown and the referee was far ahead of me. I just feel sorry for people who paid $50 a ticket to see such as that.

James Owen, Clarkston—I saw the start of the fight, got up, went to the kitchen to get a glass of water. I didn't see Marciano hit him, didn't see the count. I guess you'd say I didn't see the fight.

Walcott, Williams Draw Suspensions

"Jersey Joe" Walcott, former heavyweight champion of the world, and Ike Williams, former lightweight champion of the world, are among the boxers under suspension by the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission, it was announced this week.

The Commission's release, which carried the names of Walcott and Williams, all with other suspended boxers, was dated June 26, 1953.

In the case of Walcott, the Commission stated that he had been suspended in cooperation with the Illinois State Athletic Commission.

In the case of Williams, the Commission stated that he had been suspended in cooperation with the New Jersey State Athletic Commission.

Illinois suspended Walcott because of his knockout at the hands of Champion Rocky Marciano, in Chicago. New Jersey suspended Williams because of the technical knockout he suffered at the hands of George Johnson, recognized welter and middleweight champion of New Jersey.

In all probability, "Jersey Joe" Walcott will not fight again. He has stated publicly that the only man he will consider fighting is Rocky Marciano, and Marciano will probably make his next title defense against Roland La Starza, in New York.

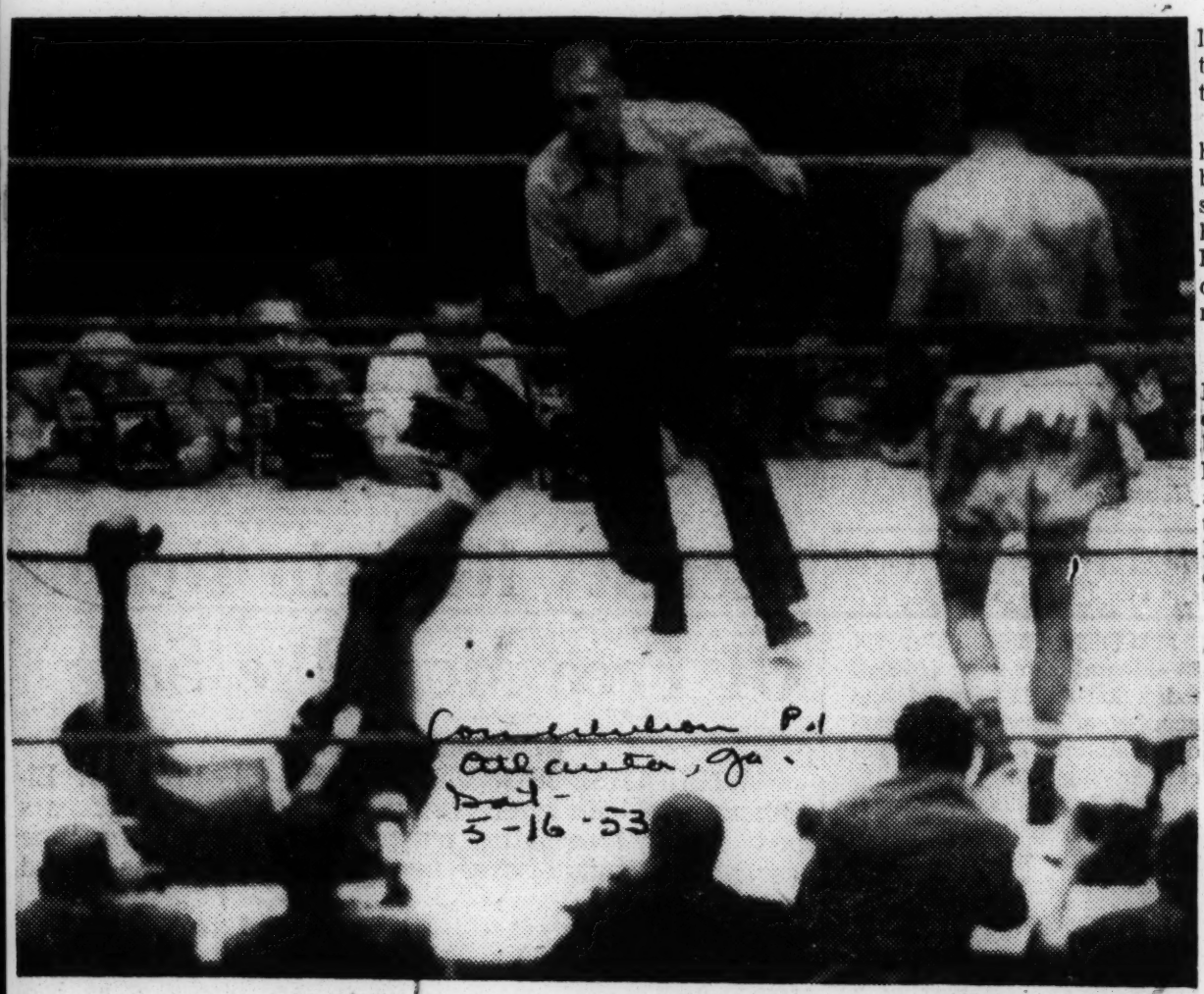
Having retired once and made a comeback, Williams is believed to be ready to hang up the gloves for good.

Both Walcott and Williams are well fixed financially. Consequently, it is the belief of their close friends that the pair of them will be content to attend fights, from now on, merely as spectators.

Walcott is the co-owner, with his manager, Felix Bocchicchio, of a $400,000 gasoline station-car washing machine motel on the Black Horse Pike, near Mount Ephraim, N. J., and Williams is building a $60,000 tavern in Trenton, N. J.

Neither Walcott nor Williams could be reached for a statement relative to their suspensions by the State Athletic Commission.

THROUGH—Former Heavyweight Champion Jersey Joe Walcott was suspended by the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission last week. It is believed that Walcott has no intention of putting on the gloves again.



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JERSEY JOE WALCOTT'S TITLE CHALLENGE IS FINISHED

Champion Rocky Marciano Walks to Neutral Corner. Referee is Frank Sikora

Marciano Keeps Title In 1st-Round Knockout

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Atlanta, Ga.

By BOB CONSIDINE

CHICAGO, May 15—(INS)—Rocky Marciano hit Jersey Joe Walcott on the point of the jaw tonight with a right uppercut that would have disemboweled a whale, and successfully defended his heavyweight title in 2:25 of the first round.

As unannounced as a jagged spear of lightning, and hardly seen by the less-than-sellout crowd at the Chicago Stadium, the blow dumped old Joe on his pants.

For the first five seconds he just sat there, seemingly lost in thought. He looked like a reflective Buddha. Then something resembling reason returned to his eyes. But he kept sitting there while referee Frank Sikora's arm moved up and down like the strokes of doom.

Walcott's corner, oblivious as Joe was to the maniac howls of the crowd, had eyes only for the official knockdown judge, who was tolling off the seconds from the first row of the press section. Walcott, the corner seemed certain, was just taking the advantage of an eight or nine count.

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Then stark terror hit Walcott's corner. His men screamed but their voices were dissolved in the thunder in the place. At the count of eight Joe moved. At nine he was on his way up.

But the man said "Ten." And that was the end of the road for the ancient warrior who came so close to beating Marciano last September at Philadelphia, losing by a kayo in the 10th after knocking Marciano down in the first and leading him on points all the way.

Tonight Joe couldn't understand at first. He stood there alone, near the ropes, and he was not certain what happened to him. He looked as good as he had when he entered the ring, a great molasses-colored oak of a man. He hadn't even raised a bead of sweat in the listless pawing that had used up two minutes and 15 seconds of the round.

Then his mind came back to him and there spread over his big football of a head a look of such pignant astonishment that he seemed on the point of tears. He stamped one of his huge dogs on the ring canvas and moved moodily to his corner.

Rocky knew what he had done.

The 184½-pound champion from Brockton, Mass., in perfect condition and as ready as he'll ever be, bounded away from the collapsing Walcott with the agility of a deer—in that split second of time that elapsed from the moment his right connected until it bounced off Joe's jaw.

Rocky bounded away with the manner of a man whose work was done for the night. He did not even look surprised that the thing for which he had trained for months was done with almost before it started.

It had been the tamest kind of fare up to the knockout—the only punch of the fight. Walcott backed up guardedly as Rocky came off his stool. Rocky missed a left to Joe's head. Then he missed a clumsy right. Walcott got in a soggy chop to the head. Rocky missed with a left. They traded light jabs, then Joe slid easily under a right.

The next time he ducked he moved his great jaw directly in range of Rocky's terrifying uppercut.

The punch could not have traveled much more than a foot. It was like a club. The man simply sat down, his massive legs stripped of all ability to sustain his 197¾ pounds.

The crowd felt cheated. It made growling noises, drowning out the efforts of the announcer to state that Marciano was still champion.

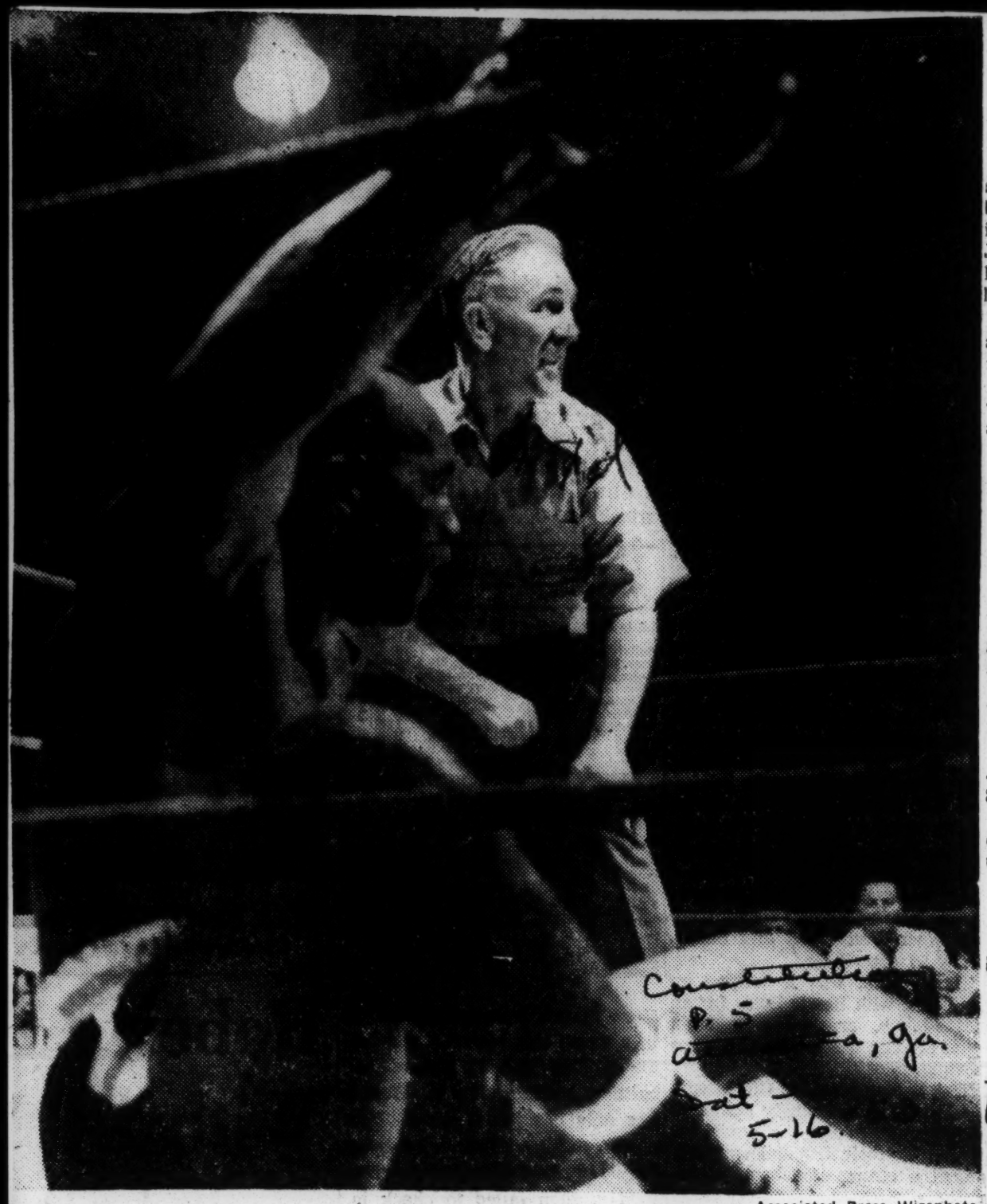
Marciano's brother, leading a hysterical group of Brockton rooters, tried to claw his way into the ring and was pushed back and overpowered by police and ushers.

In the bedlam of the ring Felix Bocchicchio, Walcott's manager, wandered around in a daze, stopping now and then to peer down at the official knockdown timekeeper and say, "He didn't get ten."

Angelo Malandro, Felix's lawyer, will officially protest to the State Athletic Commission on Monday that Walcott received only an eight-count. The commission met informally at ringside tonight and voted not to hold a special session tomorrow to hear a bleat which is destined to fall on deaf ears.

It was Marciano's 39th knockout in his unbeaten ring span of 44 fights. His next opponent in all probability was in the stadium tonight, for the fight was witnessed by both Ezzard Charles, former champion, and Roland La Starza.

As for Walcott, he'll probably continue fighting, but tonight he was just another sorrowing addition to a club of former titleholders who couldn't recapture the precious crown previously yielded.



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CHALLENGER JERSEY JOE HOLDS ROPES AS REFEREE COUNTS HIM OUT

Walcott Sits on Canvas in Chicago Ring as Frank Sikora Calls the End

Joe Was Just Down, Not Out, Says Pilot

Walcott Attorney Protests 'Quick Count' by Referee

CHICAGO, May 15—(AP)—A bitter, bewildered Joe Walcott, counted out in the first round of his heavyweight championship fight with Rocky Marciano, sputtered Friday night that his KO "was ridiculous."

"I wasn't hurt at any time," he told a packed dressing room audience after the fight.

"I guess it was a left hook and a punch-push, or something, that knocked me down.

"I could have gotten up at the count of two."

As Jersey Joe and his manager, Felix Bocchicchio, spoke disgustedly to reporters and photographers, their lawyer, Angelo Milandra, shouted that he had: "Just made an official protest with the Illinois Athletic Commission."

Bocchicchio's eyes flashed angrily and his words were literally spat at reporters as he ridiculed the manner in which referee Frank Sikora had counted out his 39-year-old protege.

"Gentlemen," he shouted through a microphone rigged up for the huge press crowd, "I was robbed in New York in 1948 when we beat Joe Louis (Walcott lost a decision). But I never saw no robbery equal like this tonight.

"I'm gonna have Joe on the road and preach against this sort of thing from here on out."

Bocchicchio did not explain just what he meant by this remark. He added, however:

"We don't want to fight anymore if that's the way they do."

Later, Bocchicchio declared: "I want to go out there and complete that fight tonight. Tonight, not tomorrow. That fight isn't over.

"Joe knew what he was doing. He waited for me to tell him to get up, and when I told him to get up, he was counted out."

The angry manager used bitter terms in criticizing Sikora's count.

"That referee wanted to count Joe out so bad he counted 2-4-6-8," Felix scoffed.

"I started the count for Joe at one. At seven, I told him to get up. He got up at nine.

"And what happened? That referee pushed Joe down again. Nobody heard no count of his."

'Left Hook, Then Right Uppercut--- That's All'

CHICAGO, May 15—(AP)—"At first I thought he would get up—and then I looked at his eyes and they were glassy . . . I knew then he was finished."

That's what heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano had to say Friday night after knocking out challenger Joe Walcott in the first round at Chicago Stadium.

"I connected with a left hook and followed with a right uppercut," Marciano said. "I think that right was better than the one I hit him with to win last September."

Marciano was jammed into the shower room of his quarters by a great crowd which shoved and clawed its way through the corridors of the stadium basement.

Policemen were nearly overpowered and kept yelling:

"Take it easy or someone is going to get trampled."

"The referee counted him out as plain as day," declared pudgy Al Weill, the champion's manager. "Rocky really doesn't know how hard he hit him. It was the best right uppercut he has thrown, I think."

Jim Norris, president of the International Boxing Club, elbowed his way to both fighters' rooms.

"Naturally, I'm disappointed it did not go longer," he told a reporter. "If Walcott protests to the state commission, I don't see where it will do him any good. If he lodges a protest there is nothing I can do about it and nothing the commission can do about it either."

Norris said if Weill is willing, Marciano's next title defense would be against Roland La Starza or former champion Ezzard Charles in September.

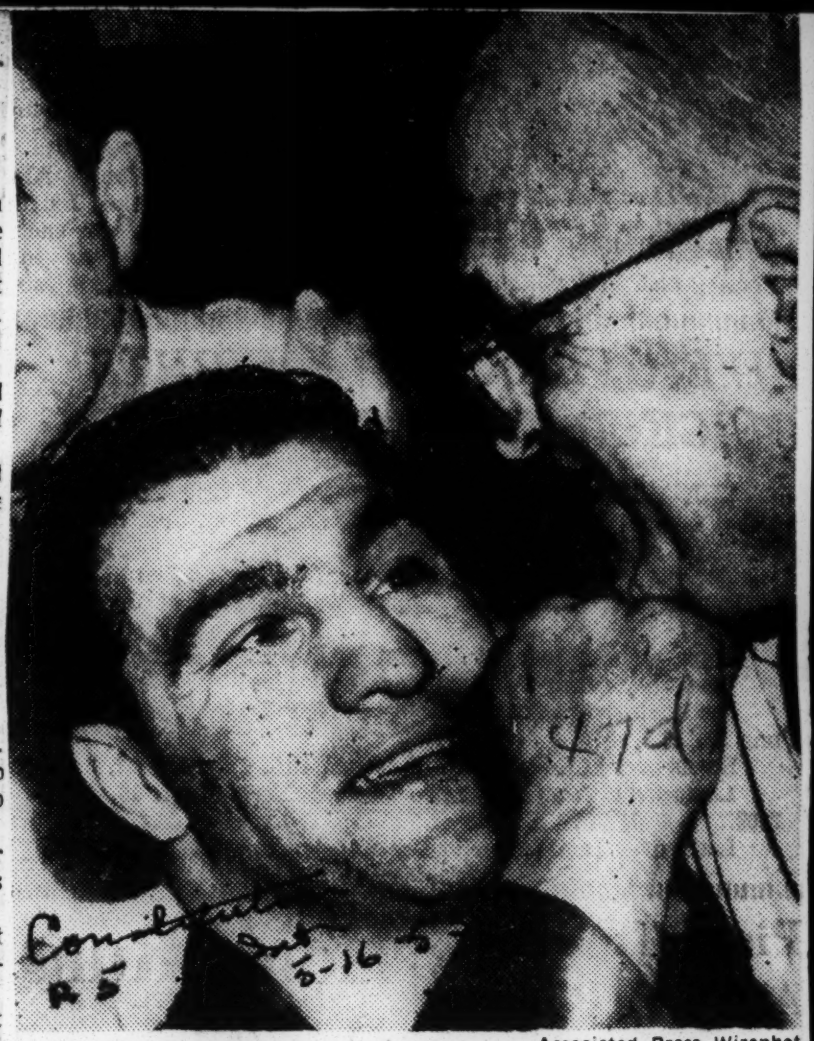
"We'll have to talk over a date and site," said Norris. "I would like to see either one of the fighters in there with Marciano. Right now it doesn't look as if La Starza and Charles will first fight for the right to meet the champion."

La Starza, young New York heavyweight who lost a split decision to Marciano in 1950, was one of the first to plow into the champion's cubicle.

"All I know is that Walcott really got hit," La Starza observed. "He went down and didn't get up in time—that's about all there is to it."

Charlie Goldman, Marciano's trainer, was emphatic that Rocky "set Walcott up with a left hook and finished him off with a right uppercut."

"There was no miscount or anything else like that by the referee." He added he "watched the official timer at ringside and counted up to 10. Ten and you're out, as anybody knows."



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MARCIANO DISPLAYS KO SOCK

Taps Manager Al Weill On Chin

NEW YORKER PICKED TO WIN AT 7-5 ODDS

Both Boxers Promise Action For Television Bout

TICKETS GOING SLOW

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—A lucrative shot at the Rocky Marciano-Jersey Joe Walcott winner will be the prize Friday night when cautious Roland La Starza of New York, collides head-on with aggressive Rex Layne of Utah, in a Madison Square Garden 10-rounder.

The handsome, 25-year old La Starza is a 7 to 5 favorite to outbox the 24-year old ex-Gi from Lewiston, Utah, in a scrap which should provide plenty of blood and thunder.

On WMCT

Starting at 9 (Memphis time), the bout will be telecast by NBC into homes from coast to coast. (WMCT, The Commercial Appeal television station will carry the bout. It will be on radio over WMPS.)

New York fight winners are determined by the number of rounds taken. If the rounds are divided evenly by the referee and the two judges, then a point system is invoked to break the deadlock.

Overshadowed completely the last couple of weeks by the Kid Gavilan-Chuck Davey welterweight fuss, the heavyweights promise to make this a more memorable number.

Although the fight matches hard-hitting fighters for a do-or-die effort, blase New Yorkers are not storming the ticket windows. If it does 8,000 and $25,000, it undoubtedly will make the promoting International Boxing Club happy. The TV sponsor pays his usual $23,000 or so.

Layne has vowed he will flatten the former CCNY physical ed student and will do it quick "if La Starza makes a fight of it. This is a big one for both of us and I hope he doesn't louse it up by playing hard to get."

Out For a Knockout

Rollie, picking up the gloves for a college education, declared "I'll try for a knockout. I know I've lost a lot of opportunities by being choosey of opponents and careful in some of my fights. Let him come in, and I'll show him plenty."

If they try and make good on half of what they say it should be a thriller.

Both fighters have been on the deck often. Both have plenty of guts. In compiling a 40-5-2 record the husky, 200-pound Layne has scored 28 knockouts. He's been stopped twice, by Rocky Marciano in six and Ezzard Charles in 11.

The pride of the Rockies made up for that TKO to Charles by gaining a weird decision over the former heavyweight champion in Ogden, Utah, Aug. 8. Referee Jack Dempsey gave Rex two rounds to one for Charles calling seven rounds even.

The 190-pound aL Starza has racked up an impressive 52-3 record with 28 kayos. He's never been stopped. Marciano handed him his first loss on a split decision in the Garden March 24, 1950. Danny Bucceroni and Rocky Jones also outpointed him but Rollie avenged those defeats in return bouts.

Walcott Tags Marciano As 'Dirtiest' Fighter He's Met In 24 Years In Ring

By OSCAR FRALEY

PLEASANTVILLE, N. J. (AP) — There was anger in Jersey Joe Walcott's eyes today as he branded heavyweight champion Rocky Marciano "The dirtiest fighter I ever met in 24 years of fighting."

Jersey Joe, training in virtual privacy for his return shot at the man who knocked him out last September, didn't want to start slinging mud as he sat in his closet-sized dressing room having his hands bandaged. But the words tumbled out when he was needled about his quiet attitude.

"You sound," one guy told the taciturn former champ, "like you were going out there to have tea with the bum. Didn't you learn anything the last time that will help you this time out?"

"Sure I did," blurted Joe. "I learned he was the roughest and dirtiest fighter I ever fought. I learned he was a terrific butter and that's why I lost the fight. He butted me and cut my eyebrow open in the fifth round. He hit me harder during the fight than he did with that knockout punch in the 13th round, but the blood was in my eye and I didn't see the punch coming."

With that, the man everybody calls "The Old Guy," bounced into the ring and hammered three sparmates with everything in the book. One of them, a big fellow called Matt Anderson, bled profusely from the nose, but the needled Joe just kept battering the head.

The half dozen spectators in the tiny cinder-block gymnasium figured off his workout, that old Jersey was preparing for an attack on Marciano's nose — the celebrated cut schnozzel which caused postponement of the fight from April 15 to May 15.

Yet, standing on the sidelines, Manager Felix Bocchicchio talked as if "The Old Guy" was going to concentrate on the body when he climbs through the ropes at Chicago two weeks hence. And Felix said it was like a man who enjoyed tossing mud pies.

"I think Marciano has a bad rib," Felix insisted. "I think Joe busted one on him in their fight last September and I don't believe it has ever healed right. It's my opinion that was the reason for the postponement, not the nose."

Serving advance notice that he would demand "protection" against Marciano's alleged butting tactics, Felix commented caustically that he thought Rocky "Is a little bit punchy anyhow."

"But he can punch, too," Jersey Joe's pilot admitted.

So what Walcott's plan of attack will be remained something of a mystery. But there was no question that he was fit. For he now has done 100 rounds of boxing and 450 miles of road work in preparation for what will be his last Cinderella chance.

You get the feeling, talking to him, that he is tense and just a bit drawn. The postponement cost him some of his edge yet you don't envy Marciano his chore when "The Old Guy" says:

"I'll just keep punching and praying."

Walcott Divides Time Between Pulpit And Gym

CHICAGO, May 3 (AP)—Jersey Joe Walcott divided his time between a church pulpit and a gymnasium today.

The Negro fighter who hopes to take the world's heavyweight title from Rocky Marciano in the Chicago Stadium on May 15 attended services at the Metropolitan Mission Baptist Church on Chicago's West Side.

He sat among some 700 persons gathered for the service, and listened to the sermon delivered by the Rev. Ernest Franklin Ledbetter.

And then the minister called the fighter up to the pulpit to say a few words. Jersey Joe made this comparison:

"If I could deliver a punch like the pastor delivered the sermon, I would be a sure winner."

Later the former champ boxed four rounds at the Midwest Gym. Sparring partner for two of them was Matt Anderson of Camden, N.J. Billy Smith of Oakland, Calif., was the other ring opponent.

After sparring, Walcott answered newsmen's questions. One reporter asked him if he thought Marciano had butted him on purpose in the fifth round of their last fight. Walcott said yes. He contended:

"Any fighter who drops his head and then brings it up sharply like a billy goat is not fighting clean. Marciano is the nearest billy goat I ever saw to Tony Galento."

Walcott's sparring drills today make a total of 117 rounds he has boxed in preparation for the Marciano fight. He won't train tomorrow, but will resume workouts on Tuesday.

BLACKEYE

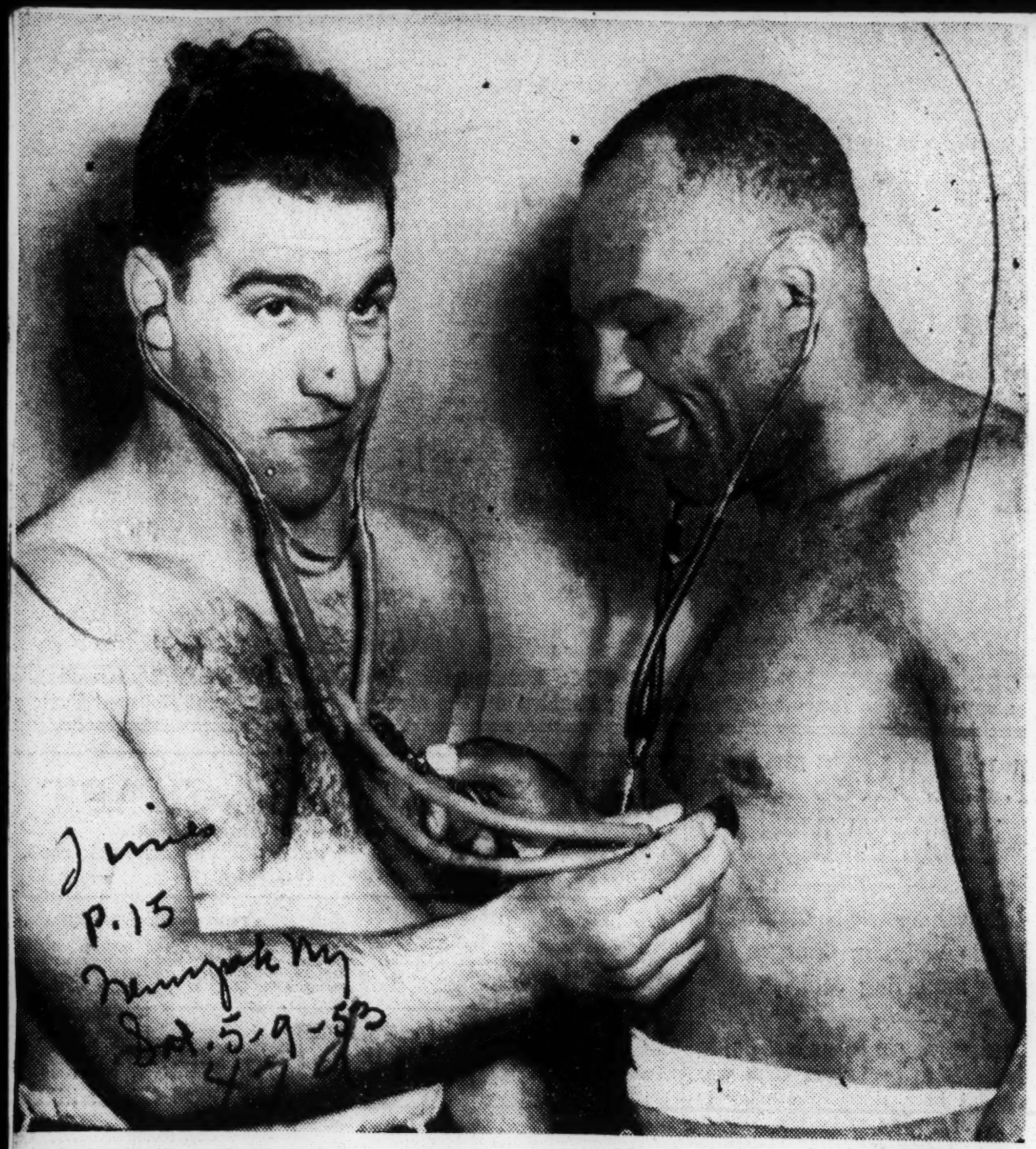
'Fight Came Out Bad for Game,' Louis

Compiled From Wire Reports

"Either **Jersey Joe** missed the count or he just didn't get up," was the summing up by ex-champ **Joe Louis** after **Rocky Marciano's** heavyweight title bout Friday night.

The bout, **Louis** said,. "came out bad for the fight game." **Louis** watched the bout on TV at his Hackensack, N. J., home. . . . From Camden, N. J., Mrs. **Arnold Cream**, wife of **Jersey Joe Walcott**, said her husband had promised the battle with **Marciano** would be his last (win, lose or draw).

"The family will hold him to that promise," **Mrs. Cream** said. . . . The fight drew a gross gate of $331,795, less than half the amount for which the Chicago Stadium was scaled. The crowd was 13,266 paid, 16,034 in all. **Walcott's** contract called for a $250,000 guarantee, with **Marciano** fighting for 30 per cent of the net which was $253,412. A $300,000 check for TV and radio rights will swell the gross gate.



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HEARTBEATS OF CHAMPIONS: Heavyweight Champion Rocky Marciano, left, and ex-champion Joe Walcott listen with stethoscopes to each other's heartbeats during their physical examinations yesterday at the Illinois Athletic Commission office prior to return title match May 15.

Marciano and Walcott Are Warned Fouling Can Cause Disqualification

Referee in Chicago Title Fight Next Friday Empowered to Act in Case of Repeated Violations—Boxers Physically Fit

CHICAGO, May 8 (UP)—Rocky Marciano and Jersey Joe Walcott were warned officially today that foul tactics could cause the loss of next Friday's heavyweight title fight.

Chairman Livingston Osborne of the Illinois Athletic Commission issued that warning after Felix Bocchicchio, Walcott's manager, had charged in open meeting that Rocky butted Jersey Joe in the face last September and caused his defeat.

While the two fighters sat before him, Osborne ruled that the fight at Chicago Stadium could be lost on disqualification for "repeated fouling," although any single foul would cause the loss of only one round.

Behr Expresses Opinion

Earlier in the meeting, Johnny Behr, well-known referee who is now a member of the three-man commission, said that, in his opinion, the bout could not be lost on disqualification and that repeated fouls—such as low blows, headbutts, rabbit punches, etc.—could merely cause the loss of several rounds.

Bocchicchio was dissatisfied with Behr's opinion. He rose from his chair and asked for Osborne's ruling. He emphasized: "Joe did get butted in their last fight, and it caused the loss of his title." He claimed the cut on Walcott's left brow in the sixth round resulted from the butt and bled so freely Joe could not see the knockout punch in the thirteenth round.

Before the meeting Drs. John Pribble and Irving Slott examined Marciano and Walcott. They reported both in good physical condition. Pribble stressed that Rocky's nose was all right. A training injury to the champion's nose had caused postponement of the bout from April 10 to Friday night.

Walcott Spars Five Rounds

Jersey Joe sparred five rounds with three mates at the Midwest Gymnasium before the examination. Trainer Dan Florio said Joe scaled about 199 pounds and would register about 196 for the fight. Neither principal was weighed during today's examination.

Marciano, who expects to hit about 184 pounds at the weigh-in Friday noon in Chicago Stadium, returned by automobile tonight to his camp at Holland, Mich.

Osborne said there would be no compulsory eight-count for knockdowns during the bout. The floored fighter may rise immediately and continue boxing.

The list of fouls in Illinois was read to the two fighters and their handlers by Behr so that no excuses could be made later about ignorance of the rules.

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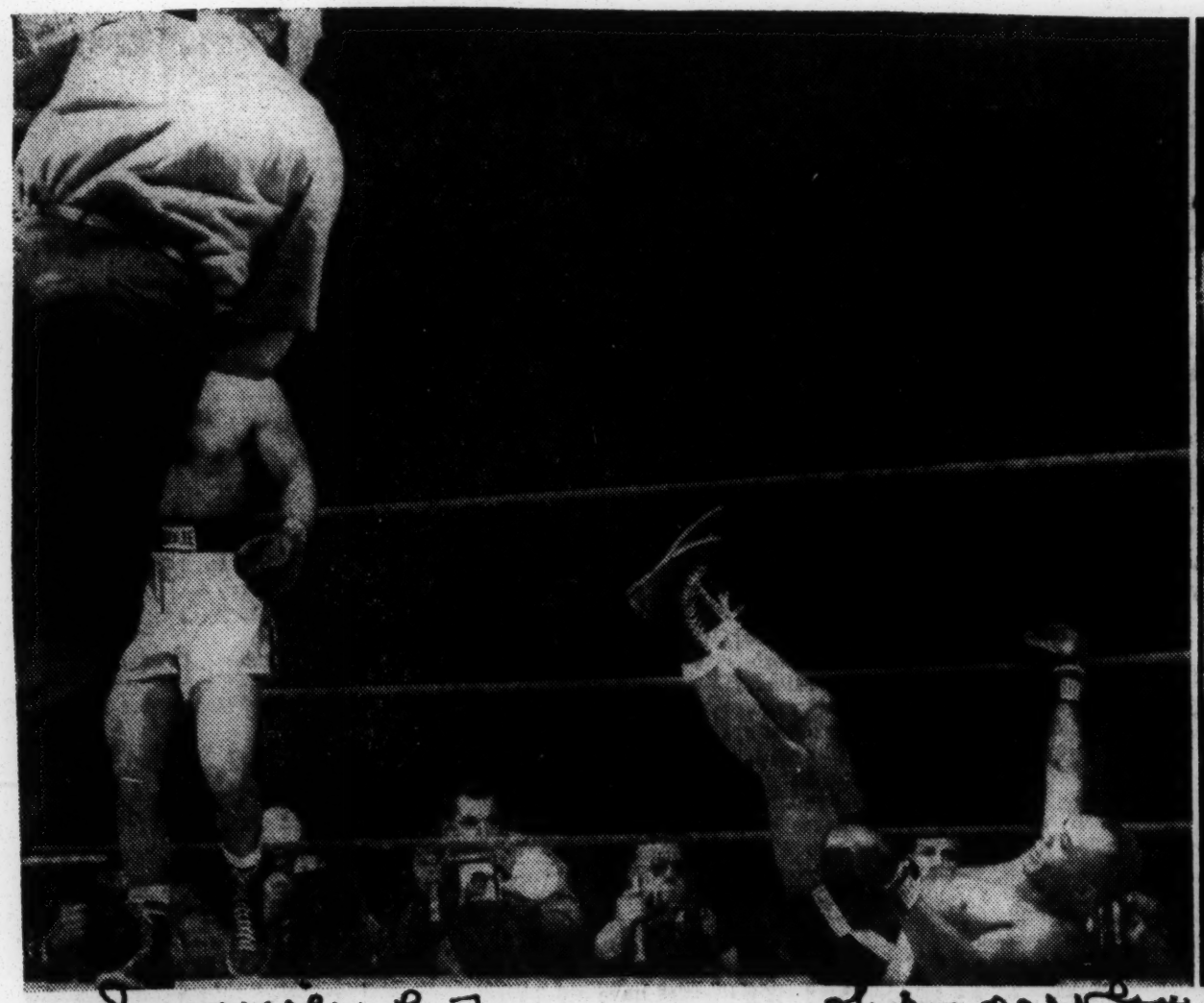
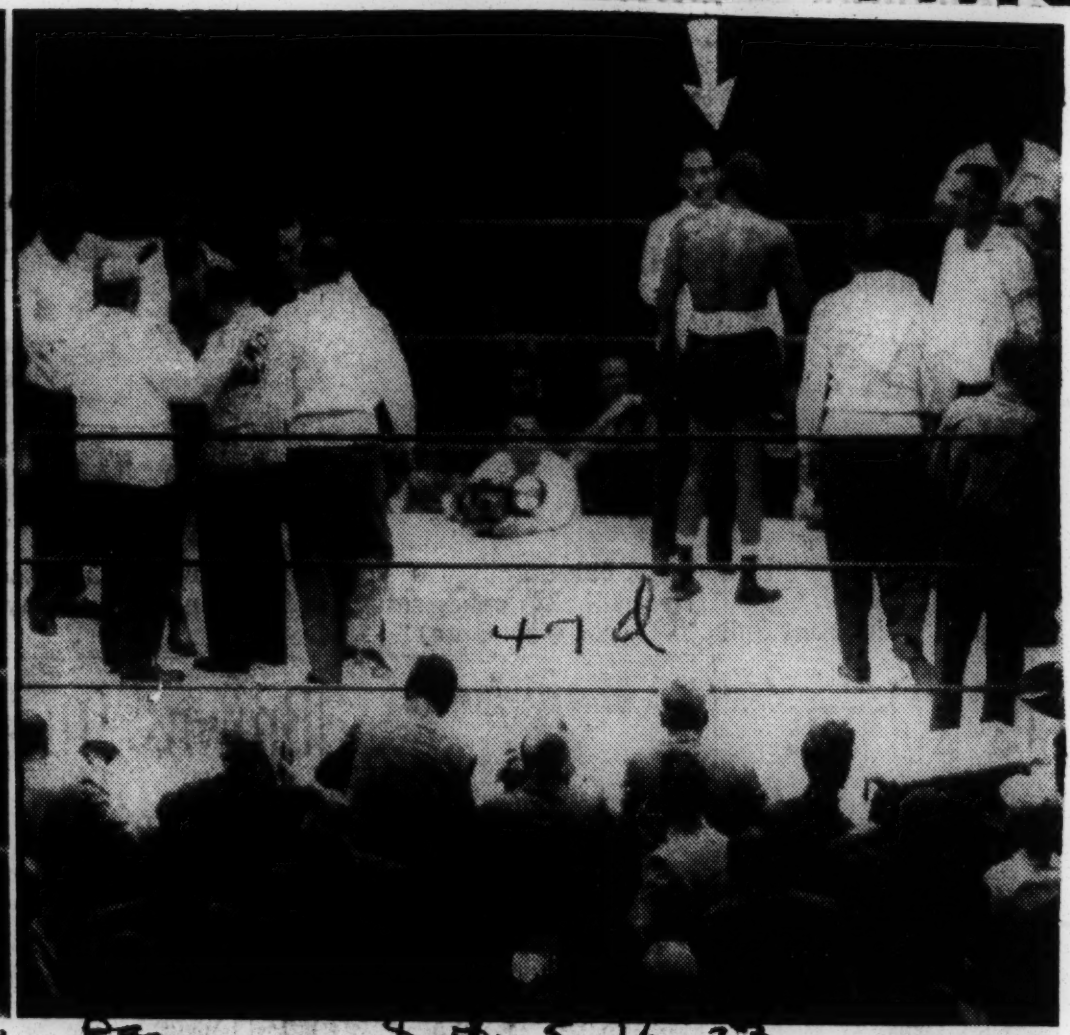
JERSEY JOE WALCOTT

Marciano KOs Walcott in 1st Round, Retains Title





Chicago, site of the famous "long count" in 1927, had a "fast count" controversy to contend with last night as Rocky Marciano retained his heavyweight boxing title by knocking out Joe Walcott in 2:25 of the first round at Chicago Stadium. At left, Jersey Joe hits the canvas after being tagged by a left hook and right uppercut. At right, Walcott and his manager, Felix Bocchicchio (arrow), talks things over. Both Walcott and Bocchicchio contend ring officials gave

Walcott KOd By Marciano In 1st Round

Rocky Keeps Title As Right to Jaw Stops Foe in 2:25

By JOHN WEBSTER
Inquirer Sports Reporter

CHICAGO, May 15.—Jersey Joe Walcott's bid to regain the world's heavyweight championship was short-lived tonight when Rocky Marciano, the undefeated champion, knocked him out in a highly-controversial first round of their return title match, scheduled for 15 rounds at Chicago Stadium, before 13,266 fight fans who paid $331,795 to witness a bout concluded before many of them were seated.

The finish came with breath-taking suddenness at 2:25 of the opening period as Walcott, dropped by the champion's left hook to the head and right uppercut to the jaw, was counted out by Referee Frank Sikora and Knockdown Timekeeper Mike Murphy. Walcott, arising from his sitting posture, waved his arms in despair as the arbiter waved the bout was over virtually before the fight began.

ARGUMENTS RAGE

In a flash arguments were raging as to whether Chicago, once notorious as the site of the "long count," also had produced a fast count in a heavyweight championship. Walcott, stomping about the ring, wrung his fists in despair, while Felix Bocchicchio, his manager, insisted the ring officials had given them "a fast one."

The customers, who scarcely were right in paying $50 tops and even lesser sums for a quickie devoid of drama, booed lustily. When the fist of Marciano was hoister in triumph — his 44th in a row and 39th by k.o. — his ears must have popped with the fans' roars of high delight.

From all reports, the uncounted millions of television fans were equally disenchanted with what they saw and didn't see. The fight was a bad buy for the TV and radio sponsors, too. They came up with the good, square price of $300,000 for less than a round of knuckleplay.

Indicted of the Atlantic protests of Walcott, 39-year-old veteran from Camden, N. J., his manager and his posse of handlers, many close to the knockdown timekeeper and the referee did hear the count — all hte way to the conclusing 10. It is possible that neither the elderly ex-champion nor Bocchicchio did hear it. But they seemed to be outnumbered in the rhubarb

WALCOTT CAUTIOUS

Walcott, who scaled 197 3/4 pounds at today's weigh- in, was cautiously boxing Marciano, 184½, foremost citizen of Brocton, Mass., until the roof fell in. He had caught Rocky, more than 10 years his junior, with two short rights to the jaw at close quarters. Joe pecked away with a left to the features, while Rocky's haymakers were clearing the old guy's ducking head.

But Rocky rumbled in once again, hurled his left high on the head and followed it with a booming right uppercut to the side of the paw. Walcott collapsed, falling backward and as though he were on a childs rocking horse, rolling back to a sitting position. His eyes were glazed as Murphy began the toll, to be followed by Sikora.

Walcott's wits, which might have been wandering, seemed to be on the job as the count proceeded, and that meant he regained his bearings quickly. It was, in my opinion, a very fast count.

ON HAUNCHES AT '8'

But Walcott, who now seemed to be watching Bocchicchio in the corner for instructions, was still on his haunches at "eight." He made it up, just a touch shaky, and took second money behind the eferee's final decimal and waveout.

Thereupon Walcott and his men put on their show of extreme displeasure, to the accompaniment of the crowd's outraged clamor. But the fact remained that Marciano had won, proving anew his right to the championship, and improving on his own running time: He came back from a sound hiding to stiffen Walcott with a popskull right in the 13th round at Philadelphia's Municipal Stadium last Sept. 23.

This wasn't the fastest heavyweight championship, even if it was one of the more disappointing. Joe Louis, who was catching Max Schmeling on the second time around, hammered the Teutonic ex-champion into helplessness in 2:04, first round at the Yankee Stadium, June 22, 1938.

LOUIS BOUT RECALLED

Walcott, who was figuring in his eighth title battle tonight, began his appearances in the headline numbers in December, 1947, when he twice floored and outfought Louis in 15 rounds at Madison Square Garden, only to lose the decision. Bocchicchio brought that one up in the post-battle storm tonight, saying "we got the works, first with the Louis bout, and again tonight against Marciano."

Both dressing rooms were madhouses as hundreds of newsmen, cameramen and fight pros sought to force their way into the rooms of modest size. One of the first complaints made by Walcott's manager was: "that count ran two . . . four . . . six . . . eight . . . ten . . . out."

JOE EXPLAINS

Over a public address system, Harry Mendel, publicitor for International Boxing Club in the Walcott camp, put the writers' questions to Walcott. Said Joe: "I could have gotten up at two. I looked at Felix and he motioned for me to stay down. I waited then, but never heard past 'seven-eight.' My head was perfectly clear and I wasn't hurt. I was hit by a left hook . . . and a punch on the jaw."

Asked if he intended to fight again, Walcott figuratively moanin' low over the sudden crash landing of his fondest hopes, snapped: I'll get back in the ring right now and fight it out with Marciano. Why doesn't the commission order the fight to continue."

"They ought to send 'em back into the ring," broke in Bocchicchio. "That's what they should do. They gave us a fast one. Marciano didn't get a raw deal like that when he was floored in the first round in Philadelphia."

PROTEST FILED

Back in the crowd, Angelo Malandra, Camden attorney who represents Brocchicchio and Walcott, said he already had filed a formal protest on the outcome of the fight. With whom did he file it?

"I filed the protest with Truman Gibson to be turned over to the Ilinois State Athletic Commission." It wasn't immediately clear why the protest was made to Gibson, an official of the IBC, which is headed by Jim Norris, and not to the commission. Further, since Malandra is not licensed by the ring board, it's improbable that the body would entertain a squawk from him.

There was no comment from the ring board, and not only the referee but also the knockdown man said he was tolled a full 10. This agreed with the testimony of the press row occupants near to those officials.

Boxing's Oldest Tradition Holds

CHICAGO, May 15 (AP). — Former heavyweight champions don't come back, according to boxing's oldest tradition. Here's what happened when they tried:

Jim Corbett knocked out by Jim Jeffries, 1900.

Bob Fitzsimmons knocked out by Jefferies, 1902.

Corbett knocked out by Jeffries, 1903.

Jim Jeffries knocked out by Jack Johnson, 1910.

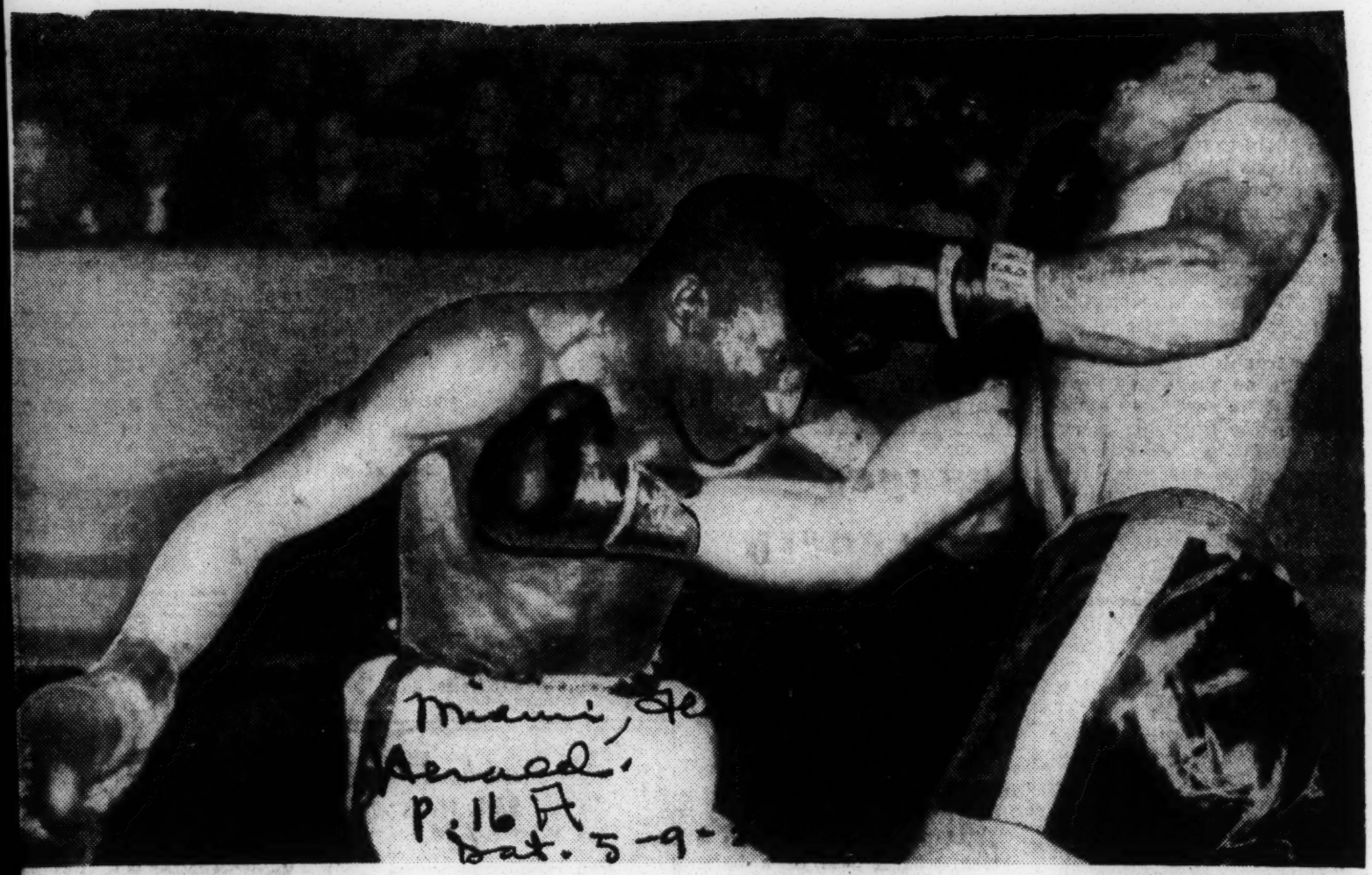
Jack Dempsey lost decision to Gene Tunney, 1927.

Max Schmeling knocked out by Joe Louis, 1938.

Joe Louis lost decision to Ezzard Charles, 1950.

Ezzard Charles lost decision to Joe Walcott, 1952.

Joe Walcott knocked out by Rocky Marciano, 1953.



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Ramon Fuentes. Right, Shook Off This Left By Sugar Wilson To Win Decision

For Decision in 10

Fuentes Uses Head, Plus Wilson's Body

NEW YORK —(AP)— Ramon Fuentes, a fighting ex-Marine from Los Angeles, banged way at Al Wilson's body throughout the ten rounds Friday night to rack up his 14th straight victory.

Fuentes weighed 147 to 146¾ for the Englewood, N. J. welterweight.

Miami, Fla,

The St. Nicholas Arena main event was the California welterweight champion's Eastern and television debut and he showed plenty of class gaining the unanimous decision.

Herald

The votes, all for Fuentes, were: Judge Arthur Susskind, 7-3; Referee Ruby Scalzo 5-4-1 and Judge Arthur Schwartz, 5-2-2. The AP scorecard had Fuentes in front, 6-3-1.

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Unbeaten in 27 months, the swarthy West Coaster was an 11 to 5 choice to chalk up his 21st triumph in 22 pro bouts.

Wilson, a lanky Negro who gave Johnny Bratton a hard fight a month ago, stalked his shorter rival through most of the fight but it was Fuentes who landed most of the punches.

The wiry, 25-year-old invader beat a steady tattoo at Wilson's body and it was those effective blows which secured him the edge in the close rounds.

There were no knockdowns in the fight and nothing close to one. Fuentes once slipped against the ropes after being hit with a glancing right to the head.

Fuentes was cut slightly over the bridge of his nose in the seventh round.

A crowd of about 1,500 saw the bout. Estimated receipts were about $3,500. Each fighter collected $3,600 for radio and TV.

Big 10 Again Sets Nation's Pace in Football for 1953

BY WILFRID SMITH

Illinois, Purdue, and Iowa turned in the most surprising football performances in the 1953 Western conference campaign which saw the Illini share the league championship with Michigan State. The collegiate scene was dotted with upsets and well played games but the midwest, with assistance from Notre Dame and Marquette's excellent squad, clearly topped all other sections as has been the custom in the last decade.

Wilfrid Smith

Illinois, Purdue, and Iowa are singled out because each achieved a goal believed impossible. Iowa's young men, easily the most improved in the conference, kept Notre Dame from winning the mythical championship. Indeed, the Irish barely salvaged a 14 to 14 tie in the last six seconds of

Paul Giel

Paul Cameron

the game. Except for this, Notre Dame would have led in the national polls. Instead, the Irish finished second. Undefeated Maryland took the title.

Purdue, which had shared the 1952 championship with Wisconsin, won only two of nine games last fall. The first, however, a 6 to 0 decision over Michigan State, ended the Spartans' string of consecutive victories at 28. The Boilermakers' triumph was the most remarkable form reversal in 1953.

Spartans Score 212 Points

The Spartans won the 1952 national title. This fall, their first in Big Ten football, they scored 212 points. Yet, they failed to score against Purdue which previously had lost four straight games. The defeat eventually forced Michigan State to share the league title with Illinois. It would have cost the championship except for an assist by Wisconsin.

Illinois was the surprise over the entire season. Iowa reached its peak by blanking Minnesota and following up with the tie at Notre Dame and Purdue turned in a one day surprise. The Illini,

Champions

National—Maryland.
Big Ten—Illinois and Michigan State.
Pacific Coast—U. C. L. A.
Southwest—Rice and Texas.
Southeastern—Alabama.
Southern—West Virginia.
Missouri Valley—Oklahoma A. & M.
Big Seven—Oklahoma.
Atlantic Coast conference—Maryland and Duke.
East—Army.
Ivy league—Cornell.
Mountain States—Utah.
Interstate—Centra. Michigan.
Collegiate Conference of Illinois—Wheaton.

however, were the sensation of the campaign.

Relegated by most to the second division, Illinois came up with a pair of sofomore backs, J. C. Caroline and Mickey Bates, who led a veteran line, short of replacements, [as was the back field for that matter] to within one game of an undivided championship. Nebraska tied Illinois in the non-conference opener when inexperience all but tripped up Caroline. At the time Illinois coach, Ray Eliot, still wasn't certain of the real potential of his new men.

Jolt Ohio State

Illinois whipped Ohio State, 41 to 20, in the opening conference game. The Buckeyes never recovered completely because of injury sustained by their quarter back and passer, John Borton. From this point Illinois dominated the Big Ten and reached a peak in a 19 to 3 defeat of Michigan. This was the most severe defeat Illinois had administered the Wolverines since 1939 and it was the fourth in succession, a record for the rivalry.

Illinois was soundly whipped the following week by Wisconsin, 24 to 7. The Badgers finished the job with three touchdowns in the last period. They had in action, almost for the first time in the season, all their stars. Alan Ameche, the best full back in the conference beyond doubt and rated by many the best in the nation, ripped the Ilini line to outdistance Caroline's yardage.

MORE REVIEWS

This is one of the reviews for the year being presented today by the Tribune. Other reviews will be found on pages 2, 3, and 5. Additional year-end reviews will be published next Sunday.

Wisconsin failed to get a share of the Big Ten championship when tied by Minnesota in the last game. Michigan State already had finished its conference season with a 5-1 record. Illinois matched it on the last Saturday by running over Northwestern.

The Wildcats were short handed all season and the elimination of two platoon football was a handicap because offensive players lacking defensive skill had to be used. No Big Ten team, on the basis of limited number of varsity men, suffered as many injuries. Bob McKeiver, sofomore half back who had been tabbed as a fine first year performer, never was able to shake off preseason injuries.

Ohio State had been rated as a potential champion. Loss of Borton, plus the fact that the Buckeyes did not have line rushing power, reduced the attack. Howard Cassady and Bob Watkins, wing back, were exceptional but Ohio State lacked versatility without Borton's accurate passing.

Purdue had a record number of injuries but also had a larger squad than Northwestern. The Boilermakers had satisfaction in the upset of Michigan State and the victory over Indiana in the final contest. The Boilermakers worked with handicap of successive non-conference defeats by Missouri, Notre Dame, and Duke when they lost their opening conference game to Wisconsin.

Michigan Starts Fast

Michigan had been rated a dark horse in the conference race. The Wolverines beat Iowa, 14 to 13, after impressive victories over Washington and Tulane and whipped Northwestern. Michigan then was shut out by Minnesota, 22 to 0, in the game in Minneapolis. Altho the Wolverines came back to beat Pennsylvania they were outplayed by Illinois and even their best performance at Michigan State could not prevent the Spartans from taking a 14 to 6 decision.

Michigan rallied, however, to wallop Ohio State decisively, 20 to 0, in one of the best recoveries by any Big Ten team. Michigan

John Lattner

Alan Ameche

shared fifth place with Iowa as Ohio State took fourth position by virtue of a seven game schedule that showed four victories.

One of the most noteworthy achievements in the Big Ten season was Northwestern's 33 to 20 conquest of Army. This was the Cadets' only loss [they tied Tulane] against seven victories including the climactic defeat of Navy. Army won the eastern championship.

Weather Hurts Attendance

Attendance at college football games fell off in some sections and, as usual, was affected by adverse weather. U. C. L. A., champion of the Pacific Coast conference, hit one of these weather dates when only 15,000 watched the Bruins beat Washington, 22 to 6, in the rain in the Los Angeles Coliseum.

The Big Ten, with Michigan State included for the first time, set a record of 1,747,004 for 31 championship games. The previous high—for 28 games—was 1,680,685 in 1949. In part, the 1949 mark was due to Michigan which has the largest university owned stadium in the nation. This year Michigan did not have a capacity crowd but more than 90,000 watched the Wolverines beat Ohio State in the last game.

The Big Ten, in all games, drew 2,947,742, just short of the all-time high of 2,956,301 reached in 1951. Fifty-nine games were played this year and Iowa and Wisconsin established stadium marks, each made possible by jamming a few more customers into stands presumably filled to capacity in previous years.

Howard Cassady

J. C. Caroline

Army-Navy Set Mark

Army and Navy, as usual, topped college attendance marks in Philadelphia's municipal stadium. Notre Dame and Southern California played before more than 95,000 when the Irish romped over the Trojans at Los Angeles. Villanova and Georgia also profited from a capacity Philadelphia crowd—Georgia won 32 to 19—but all seats were purchased by one firm for advertising.

Several Western conference records were established this year. One stressed return to a rushing attack possibly dictated by the new rules. Iowa did not make a first down by passing in beating Purdue and later, when the Hawkeyes whipped Minnesota, the Gophers could not mark up a first down by passing.

Minnesota had the low punting average of 27.8 yards. Michigan was not penalized in its victory over Northwestern. This tied the conference record. Purdue reached a high of 16 penalties in its victory over Indiana. Illinois averaged 8.2 penalties a game.

Illini Lead Offense

Illinois led the conference in offense with an average of 359.3 yards by runs and passes. Illinois also scored 25.7 points for six games and its rushing average—Caroline and Bates made this possible—was 5.13 yards. Wisconsin, however, had a better average per play, 5.81 yards.

Michigan State's defensive mark of 188.5 yards per game led the Big Ten. Iowa's defense on the ground was superior but the Hawkeyes were more vulnerable to passes.

Caroline broke all ground gaining records and eclipsed Red Grange's total yards which had been the previous Illinois and conference standard. Caroline gained 919 yards by rushing in six conference games. Paul Giel, Minnesota's all-time great, was the top all-around offensive star for the second time in three years.

Bates of Illinois equaled the conference mark by scoring four touchdowns against Ohio State. Cassady of the Buckeyes had 14 kickoff returns for a record total of 328 yards. Jim Miller, Wisconsin's sofomore quarter back, topped the league with 683 yards gained by passes and no one topped his six touchdown throws.

Giel of Minnesota had a completion average of .551, best for the Big Ten. Florian Helinski of Indiana attempted the most passes, 106, and completed 43.

Michigan's Bob Topp led the league with 16 receptions but Ohio State's Tom Hague gained more yards, 231, and scored four touchdowns.

Caroline, Giel, and Ameche were the Big Ten back field stars but Johnny Lattner of Notre Dame, unanimous All-American for the second consecutive year and winner of the Maxwell and Heisman trophies, was the nation's best. Lattner was superb under pressure against Georgia Tech and Southern California. With invaluable aid by Neil Worden, Ralph Guglielmi, and Joe Heap—other Irish backs—Lattner reached the peak.

Set Attendance Records

Notre Dame's victories, plus Lattner's steady work, produced record attendances for the Irish at home and abroad.

Marquette's return to gridiron prominence requires a paragraph. The Hilltoppers lost three games, all to Big Ten teams [Wisconsin, Indiana, and Michigan State] by a total of nine points. Their 21 to 15 game with the Spartans was particularly noteworthy.

Maryland's perfect record for the season has been mentioned and the Terps were most happy because, in establishing their supremacy, they defeated Mississippi and Alabama, which had stopped them in 1952. Maryland meets Oklahoma, winner of the Big Seven championship for a sixth straight year, in Miami's Orange bowl.

The Sooners were beaten only by Notre Dame and tied by

Pittsburgh.

Bowl Selections Made

Georgia Tech played a scoreless tie with Florida under storm conditions before losing to the Irish in one of the highlights of the season. Thereafter, the Yellow Jackets bowed to Alabama but were selected for the Sugar Bowl. West Virginia, altho upset by South Carolina, was picked to oppose Georgia Tech. Alabama was named for the Cotton bowl.

The Southwest conference race, after early pace by Baylor, ended in a tie between Rice and Texas, defending champion, when Rice defeated Baylor on the last day of the season. Rice secured the invitation to the Cotton bowl when Texas withdrew. The Longhorns' one conference loss was to Rice.

U. C. L. A. lost to Stanford 20 to 20, but took the Pacific Coast conference title when Southern California whipped the Indians and California tied them. U. C. L. A. finished with a 13 to 0 conquest of the Trojans. Included was a 13 to 0 victory over Wisconsin. U. C. L. A. also blanked Oregon and Oregon State. Forty-eight points were scored against U. C. L. A., second best defensive record in the nation. Maryland, yielding 31 points in 10 games, was first.

Scores 12 Touchdowns

Paul Cameron, splendid tail back, scored 12 touchdowns for the best U. C. L. A. record in 27 years. He topped the Pacific Coast conference with a rushing average of 5.02 yards and his punts averaged 41.3 yards.

Giel, Lattner, and Bernie Faloney, Maryland quarter back, were All-American backs in the consensus of the selections. Other fine backs were Ameche, Worden, Jackie Parker of Mississippi State; Dave Johnson, Rice; Bob Garrett, Stanford's great forward passer, and Caroline.

In nine games Caroline gained 1,256 yards on 194 rushes. He gained 52 yards by pass reception, returned kickoffs 233 yards, and punts for 129 yards. He punted nine times for an average of 38.2 yards.

Art Hunter, Notre Dame tackle, was in the front rank of the nation's best linemen. Others included J. D. Roberts, Oklahoma; Larry Morris, Georgia Tech; Stan Jones, Maryland; Ed Meadows, Duke; Ray Correll, Kentucky; Crawford Mims, Mississippi; Don Dohoney, Michigan State, and Milt Bohart, Washington.

Elimination of the man in motion from the regular T formation and frequent line spacing are of technical note. Maryland and Oklahoma were Split T teams. Notre Dame employed Ralph Guglielmi, quarter back, for occasional runs but generally depended on variations of the T. Michigan State combined the T and the single wing back system.

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It's Cardozo

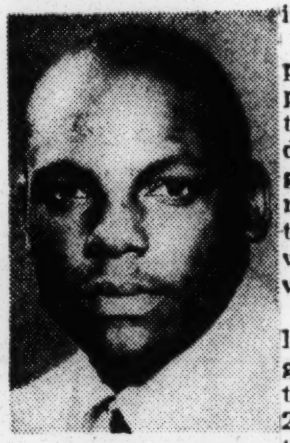
High Team-of-Week

BECAUSE OF Friday's blistering snowstorm which wiped out the weekend schedule there will be no Washington Post High School and Prep player selections this week but one team—Cardozo High deserves tribute as the Team-of-the-Week.

The Friday snow didn't make a bit of difference to the hardy Cardozo boys. They were the only team in the area to go through with their scheduled game. And they were playing under even more of a handicap than just the weather.

Three days earlier thieves had taken nearly all the team's football equipment from the locker room and the team had to take the field with begged and borrowed equipment. It was a game they enjoyed and won, 10-0, It was their homecoming game with Bordentown, N. J., High.

The game marked the first time the members of Cardozo's team had ever played in snow before, but they found it enjoyable.



Herb Drummond

"It was slippery, but not too muddy," Coach Walter Mitchell said, "and the conditions were unfavorable, but no one seemed to mind the snow much."

Apparently the 2900 fans who turned out to see the game didn't mind the weather either, for the crowd was the biggest that Cardozo has played before all season.

It was a team victory for Cardozo, although 17-year-old senior fullback Herb Drummond scored the three touchdowns and carried the ball for long gains.

However, backs Delano Kittrell, Ralph Dantley, Kenneth Dunlap and James Clary aided in Cardozo's fourth win in seven starts this season.

Linemen Thomas White, center; Capt. Norwood Jackson and William Dyson, guards; John Turner and William Freeman, tackles; and Curtis Kittrell (brother of Delano) and James Harris, ends, played so well that Coach Mitchell remarked:

"If I had to pick an outstanding player in the game, I couldn't do it. Every one of the boys was outstanding and they all worked together."

Cardozo plays its homecoming game every other year and has been playing Bordentown in the semiannual event since 1949. The District high has won for the past three years.

Coach Mitchell, a graduate of Cardozo and Howard University, has been at Cardozo for four years and has been head coach for the past two seasons.

RAMS PROVIDE ROAD BLOCK TO CARDS TODAY

Los Angeles Topheavy Favorite to Win

Setup or Upset?

BY HARRY WARREN

The Los Angeles Rams, tied for first place in the western conference of the National Football league with the San Francisco 49ers and Detroit Lions, will invade Comiskey park this afternoon for the 24th renewal of the professional series with the Cardinals that started back in 1937.

The Rams are faced with the proposition of winning or dropping out of immediate contention for the title, while the Cardinals, who haven't won a league game since Nov. 30, 1952, have reached a point in a campaign that they don't exactly care whom they beat as long as they win.

Strange as it may seem, the last time the Cardinals won a game took place on Sept. 7 when they whipped these same Rams, 23 to 10, in an exhibition. And the Cardinals surprisingly hold an edge over the Rams in league games. The Chicagoans have won 12, lost 10, and tied one in the 23 previous games.

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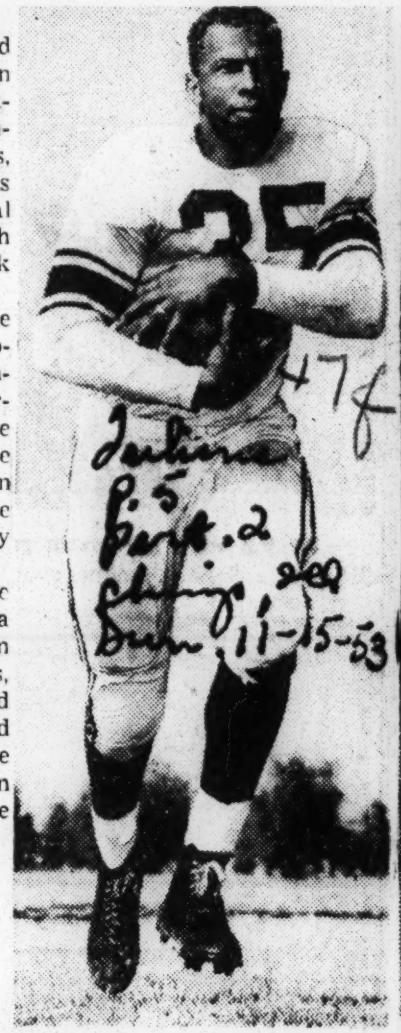
Boyd	R. E.	Stonesifer
Van Brocklin	Q. B.	Root
Quinlan	L. H.	Trippi
Younger	R. H.	Cross
Towler	F. B.	Olszewski

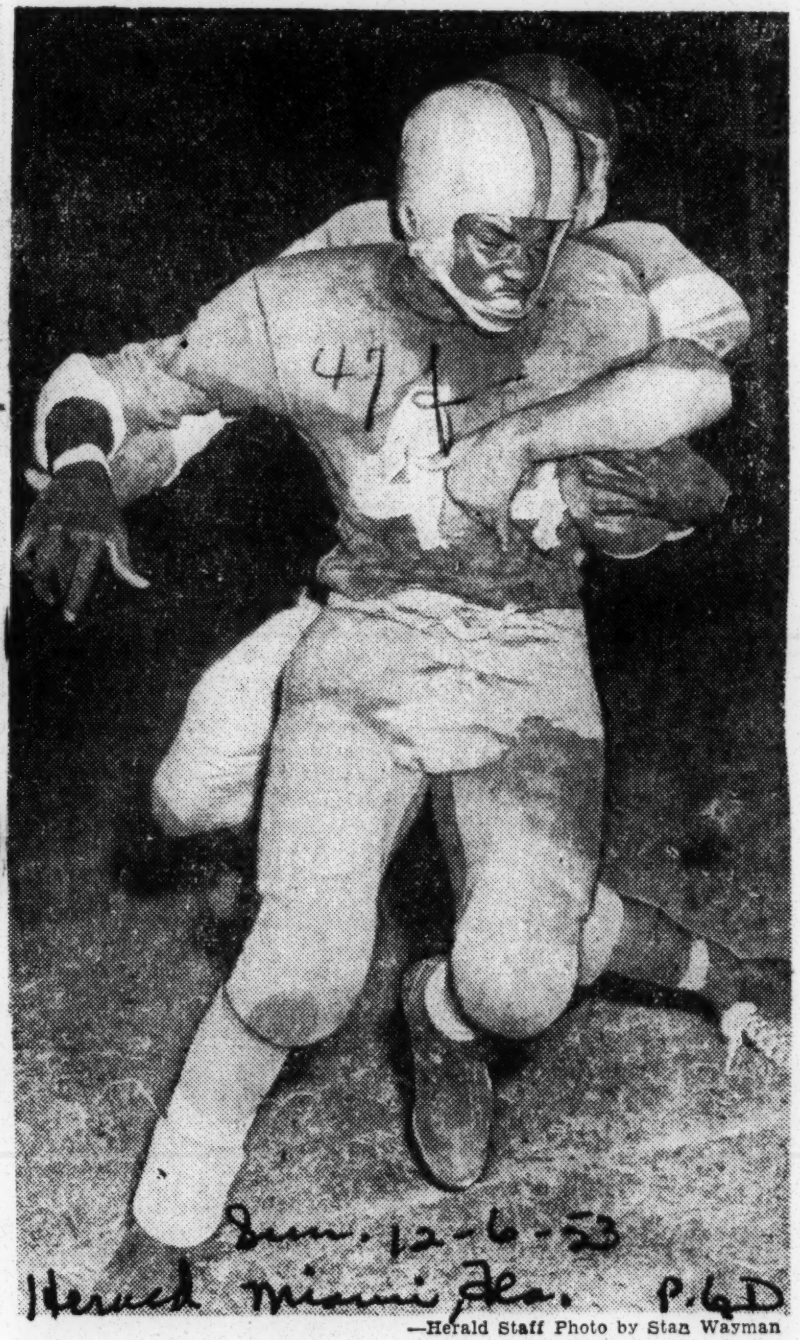
Referee—Ronald Gibbs. Umpire—James Beiersdorfer. Head linesman—Dan Tehan. Back judge—John Pace. Field judge—William McHugh.

Kickoff—1:05 p. m.

Radio broadcast—WCFL.



Dan Towler, plunging full back of the Rams, who will try his power on the Cardinals today.



—Herald Staff Photo by Stan Wayman

REAR GUARD ACTION by Prairie View's Charles Haywood put a sudden stop to the kickoff return of Florida A&M's Bill Barber in the second period of Saturday night's Orange Blossom Classic football game at the Orange Bowl. Barber made only four yards before being hauled down on the A&M 25-yard line.

41,000 See Panthers Defeat Florida, 33-27

Prairie View Captures Grid Title!

By WILLIAM NUNN JR.
(Courier Sports Editor)

MIAMI—A smashing, record-breaking total of 41,319 fans . . . a stomach-bubbling football game, matching the only 2 perfect foes of the year . . . more than 20,000 white fans . . . the presentation of a $5,000 Lincoln Capri to Florida A. and M. Coach A. S. (Jake) Gaither . . . a gate of $100,000 . . . all of those gala components were part and parcel of the Twenty-first Orange Blossom Classic in beautiful Orange Bowl here, on last Saturday evening

The stellar presentation, pitched to a screaming tempo . . . due to the fact that Florida's Rattlers were dreaming of winning the national football title a second consecutive year, and because tens of thousands waited for a look at the famed 150-piece FAMU band . . . carried Negro football to heights the wildest promoter would never have dreamed about only a decade ago.

It was probably the finest game of the entire series of classic clashes . . . The Prairie View Panthers won the first half, 33 to 7, and the Rattlers won the last half, 20-0. The final score (33-27) was a tribute to the wide open offenses of the two coaches who, strangely enough, have the finest two defensive teams of the season.

The cash for Coach Gaither's Lincoln, a reward for his sixteen years of earnest service to the student body and his "kids," was principally furnished by white citizens who think very highly of the man who began his college football career at Knoxville College in Tennessee, thirty years ago.

The game had everything . . . championship flavor . . . important football . . . tradition . . . color . . . excitement . . . interracial importance and, above all, meaning. It is a tribute to the people of the state of Florida, and to the wisdom and perseverance of the builders of the game who, twenty-one years ago, at Jacksonville, launched the event before 2,500 fans.

It surpassed last year's 35,000 fans. It far surpassed the record of 30,741 fans who attended the ninth annual Capital Classic at Griffith Stadium, in Washington, D. C. The Orange Blossom Classic a thing apart . . . the greatest extravaganza yet developed by minority leadership.

'Frisco 49ers sign Johnson, ace fullback

SAN FRANCISCO — John Henry Johnson, signed a San Francisco 49er football contract here last week.

Johnson, the great fullback at St. Mary's College and Arizona State during his college years, actually was signed by the 49ers Nov. 3, but the announcement was delayed until he could collect $1,000 award money from the Canadian football league for the most outstanding player in his division.

Johnson will be ineligible to play with the 49ers until next season because of an agreement with the Canadian league.

Sixty-Nine Grid Teams Rated By Associated Negro Press

Chicago, Ill.— (ANP) — Sixty-nine teams were rated by the Associated Negro Press in its final analysis of Negro college football teams.

Prairie View A. & M., which still must play Texas Southern University in the annual PV Bowl New Year's Day in Houston, Texas, won the coveted Championship National championship.

Following on the heels of the Panthers were Tennessee State, Lincoln, (Mo.), Florida A. & M., Southern U., Maryland State, N. C. College, Virginia State, Texas Southern and South Carolina.

The complete listing is as follows:

	TEAM & RECORD	PTS.	Agnst.
1.	Prairie View (10-0-0)	333	74
2.	Tenn. State (8-0-1)	225	60
3.	Lincoln (Mo.) (8-0-1)	266	65
4.	Florida A. & M.	354	88
5.	Southern (9-2-0)	437	106
6.	Maryland State (8-1-0)	148	47
7.	N. C. college (5-3-0)	151	80
8.	Virginia State (5-3-1)	181	84
9.	Tex. Southern (7-2-0)	152	99
10.	S. C. State (6-2-0)	171	105
11.	Grambling (8-2-0)	246	88
12.	Morris Brown (4-4-1)	142	101
13.	Bethune (6-2-2)	259	88
14.	A. & T. (4-4-0)	138	107
15.	Morgan (6-2-0)	152	66
16.	Xavier (4-4-1)	168	161
17.	Clark (5-3-0)	136	69
18.	W. Va. State (6-3-0)	140	76
19.	Kentucky State (6-4-0)	186	146
20.	Fort Valley (7-3-0)	111	116
21.	Hampton (6-4-0)	208	101
22.	Alabama State (6-3-0)	166	63
23.	Morehouse (6-3-0)	129	127
24.	Texas College (6-4-0)	136	178
25.	Dillard (5-3-0)	108	68
26.	Virginia Union (4-4-)	130	71
27.	J. C. Smith (5-3-0)	107	99
28.	Benedict (4-5-0)	119	160
29.	Jackson (4-4-0)	117	148
30.	Miss. Ind. (5-0-1)	127	47
31.	Allen (3-5-2)	144	184
32.	Claflin (6-3-0)	190	107
33.	Morris (6-4-0)	208	142
34.	Ark. A. M. & N. (3-5-2)	126	192
35.	Fisk (3-5-0)	105	160
36.	Howard (3-5-1)	75	133
37.	Winston-Salem (3-5-1)	118	155
38.	Elizabeth City (6-1-1)	154	47
39.	Langston (3-6-0)	117	145
40.	Tuskegee (2-6-2)	87	136
41.	Ala. A. & M. (3-6-0)	100	126
42.	Lincoln (Pa.) (3-5-0)	90	160
43.	Central State (1-5-0)	72	54
44.	Shaw (2-7-0)	44	196
45.	Bishop (2-6-0)	161	224
46.	Wiley (2-7-0)	132	249
47.	Alcorn (1-6-1)	42	124
48.	Knoxville (3-5-1)	55	131
49.	Paul Quinn (3-7-1)	127	196
50.	Florida N. & I. (3-3-0)	96	51
51.	Delaware State (4-4-0)	75	96
52.	St. Augustine (3-5-1)	61	94
53.	Lane (1-6-1)	52	201
54.	Morristown (5-2-1)	140	70
55.	Bluefield (2-8-0)	94	274
56.	Fayetteville (3-5-1)	100	129
57.	Edward Waters (1-3-1)	32	73
58.	Miles (3-4-0)	119	63
59.	Albany State (2-5-1)	93	88
60.	Livingstone (2-3-0)	70	103
61.	Miss. Vocational (1-4-1)	39	94
62.	St. Paul (1-6-0)	36	101
63.	Paine (1-3-1)	32	89
64.	Leland (1-2-0)	12	93
65.	Philander Smith (1-4-1)	56	119
66.	Norfolk State (0-6-0)	29	120
67.	Rust (0-4-0)	0	100
68.	Tougaloo (0-6-0)	0	262
69.	Savannah State (0-8-0)	6	442

Unrated but recorded in games were Butler, Cheyney, Swift Junior college, South Carolina Trade School, Dunbar, Jarvis, Voorhees, Friendship and Mary Allen.

Teams with unreported games were Edward Waters, Norfolk State, Alcorn, Mississippi Industrial, Philander Smith, Livingstone, Leland, Paine, Lane and the above unrated teams.

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SPARTAN LEROY BOLDEN, voted the most valuable player by his Rose Bowl bound Michigan State teammates, is presented the Governor's Award, a watch, by Phillip S. Hart, representing Gov. G. Mennen Williams. Bolden was voted most valuable at squad banquet in East Lansing Mich.

ON MIXED FRONT:

1953 banner year for grid stars in major colleges

CHICAGO (ANP) — At the outset of the 1953 season it was suspected in certain quarters that this would be the greatest season for tan talent in so-called white collegiate football competition.

Past seasons may have seen more outstanding individual performances, but nothing has surpassed, probably not equaled, the collective brilliance colored players demonstrated this year.

From the anticipated superb play of LeRoy Bolden, the 163 pound dynamite halfback at Michigan State, to the surprising one-two punch of Mickey Bates and J. C. Caroline at Illinois, it was the colored headliners all the way.

Four Of Best In U. S.

Four of the best running backs in the nation were Bates, Bolden, Caroline and Bob Watkins, of Ohio State. Caroline was named on Collier's All - America team, and was hailed as the most exciting sophomore offensive threat since the immortal Red Grange.

Bates and Watkins were among the leading scorers in major college competition, registering 11 touchdowns each for 66 points.

Bolden, named the most valuable player for Micigan State will lead the Spartans into Rose Bowl competition with UCLA. He tallied eight touchdowns.

Recalls Duke Slater

Another outstanding sophomore in Big Ten competition was Calvin Jones, rated the best Iowa linesman since Duke Slater, now a Chicago judge. Jones, from Steubenville, O., was a smashing guard, ferocious in his tackling. If not an All-American this year, certainly next.

Of course, Big Ten Schools were crawling with colored performers. Another back to watch is Dave Rogers, the Warren, Ohio sophomore at Indiana.

Jones had several outstanding teammates at Iowa, John Hall, tackle; Frank Gilliam, end, and Eddie Vincent, halfback.

Michigan State had Ellis Duckett and John Lewis, ends; Jim Ellis and Buggs, halfback. At Michigan, Robert Walker, a tackle, beset by injuries most of the season, turned in his most capable performances late in the campaign.

Picked All-Big Ten

Caroline, Jones and Bolden were all-Big Ten selections and Caroline was named to the All-Midwest team. Watkins and Bates were second-team choices.

In other sections, colored players were outstanding. Emery Barnes, captain of the University of Oregon Webfoots, was outstanding at end. Lenny Moore, sensational sophomore half back at Penn State, gained all-Eastern selection on the INS team.

Vern Switzer, Kansas State halfback was UP's choice in the Big Seven. Bobby Epps, full back, and Eddie (Model T) Ford, quarterback, were offensive stars at Pittsburgh. Vinnie Drake did some fine quarterbacking and passing for Fordham, Dick Jackson is a coming sophomore at Cornell.

Some experts predicted that the return of the one-platoon might see a reduction in the use of colored players in white college ranks. If the past season is any standard, the reverse is true. At least that was the case in 1953.

Y Inaugurates New Health Service

The Health and Physical Education Department at your branch YMCA will be adding another service for its members use and convience on December 8th.

This new service will be the opening of a new health club. This health service will provide massage, steam cabinet bath, belt exerciser, and special exercise.

The rates for service will be staggered according to the membership held by the individual and will be effective until the next membership campaign in the spring.

The health club will be opened during the hours of 5:00 p. m. and 9:30 p. m. with Andy Sims acting as the health club director. For other information concerning the health club just call REgent 9-1511 and ask for Your Health and physical Education Department.

Look All-America Begins Visit To New York Today

NEW YORK — America's 22 top college football stars from all parts of the nation will converge on New York City today for three days of awards and television and radio appearances in recognition of their selection to the 1953 Look Magazine All America.

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Chosen by Grantland Rice and the 90-member Football Writers Association of America, they will fly to New York on a specially chartered Trans World Airline Constellation. Miss America of 1954, Evelyn Margaret Ay, will be the official hostess. The plane will also carry a group of sports editors and writers from the various areas represented in the All America.

The Constellation left Los Angeles, aiflCr Angeles, California at 6 p. m. Wednesday, with players and writers from the Far West. The first stop was Dallas, Texas at 12:45 a. m., this morning to take aboard Southwestern representatives. The next stop was Nashville, Tennessee at 4:20 a. m. for the Southern group, followed by Chicago, Illinois at 7:10 a. m. for players and writers from the Midwest. The entourage is scheduled to arrive at New York's La Guardia Airport at 12 noon, today.

Highlight of the New York activities is the official banquet at Gene Leone's, Friday, at which each player will receive an All America award—an engraved Cyma Honor Award Watch. The banquet ceremonies will be broadcast nationally over CBS Radio at 10:35 p. m. EST by Red Barber and the Armed Forces Radio Service to our troops throughout the world. Comedy star Jerry Lester (WABC-TV) will entertain one of the most impressive sports gatherings in history.

The players, Miss America, Grantland Rice and Rube Samuelsen, president of the Football Writers Association, will be honored on "The Jackie Gleason Show" on the CBS television network, Saturday, December 5 at 8 p. m. EST.

While in New York, the twenty-two players will tour the city and receive honors from various government officials and sports notables. As a souvenir of the trip, each player will receive a white Voit football autographed by every member of the team.

On Sunday, December 6, TWA will fly the members of the Look All America back to their respective schools, and the newspapermen to either their home towns or nearest airports.

COAST DRILL HELD BY MICHIGAN STATE

Double Session Marks First Formal Practice of Spartans for Rose Bowl Game

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 18 (AP)—The U. C. L. A. football squad took the day off and Michigan State held its first formal workout today for the Jan. 1 Rose Bowl encounter.

Coach Clarence (Biggie) Munn drilled the Spartans for an hour and ten minutes on pass defense and group maneuvers against dummies. The workout was open to the press, but a longer afternoon session was secret.

Munn expressed mild concern about the Spartans' heavy breathing, which he attributed to California's smog.

The Bruins booked a double workout for tomorrow.

Associated Press Wirephoto

SPARTANS PRACTICE FOR ROSE BOWL: LeRoy Bolden, Michigan State halfback, fakes a hand-off for the benefit of T-formation quarterback, Tom Yewcic, who is handling news camera.

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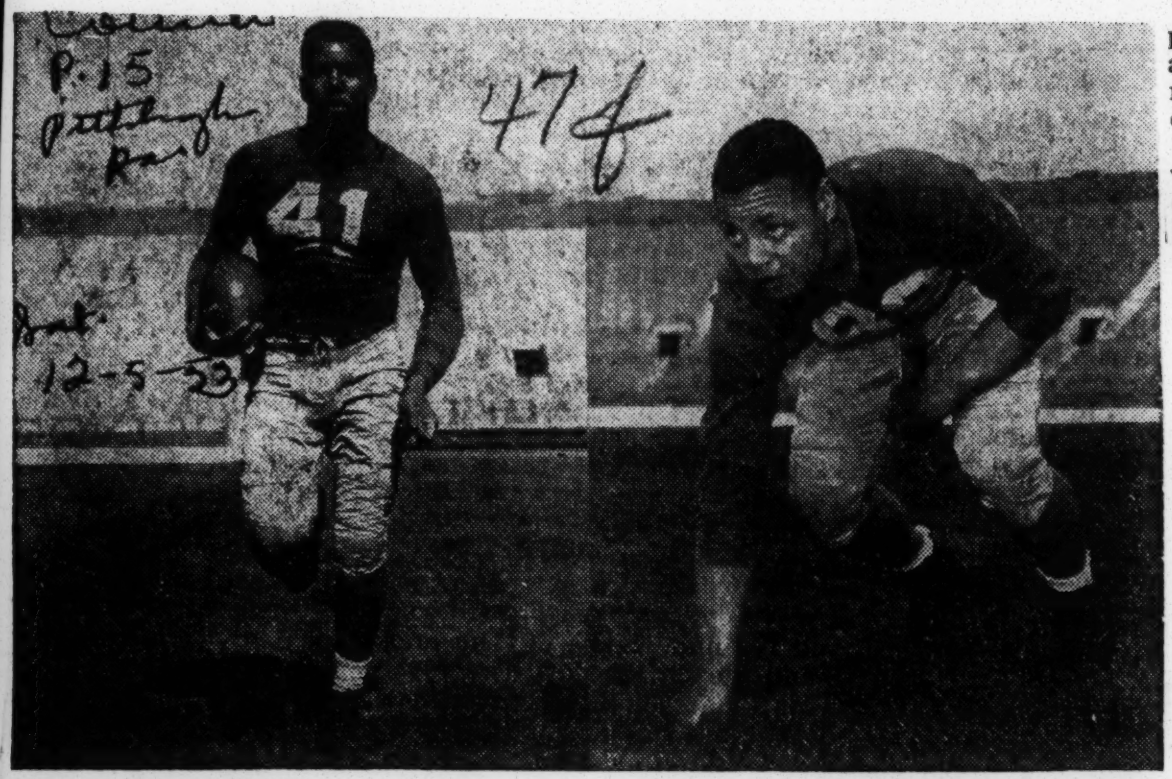

NOTRE DAME STARS—This Saturday, Dec. 5, NBC TV will again bring to the nation's "armchair quarterbacks" the TV Game of the Week, as Notre Dame and Southern Methodist clash. Shown above are explosive halfback Dick Washington (left) and powerful end Wayne Edmunds, the first Negroes to play for the Notre Dame squad, who will probably be seen in action as the Fighting Irish attempt to remain one of the top ranking teams in the nation.

N.C. College wins CIAA crown

DURHAM, N.C. — North Carolina College accomplished a double triumph in defeating A. and T. College, 15-6, on the gridiron at Greensboro, N.C., on Thanksgiving Day.

The victory enabled the Eagles to claim their first undisputed football title in history and, equally as important to many of their followers, gave them their first win in seven years over their intra-state Aggie rivals.

The annual North Carolina-A. and T. Turkey Day battle is looked upon in this area as the unchallenged "State Classic," and next to winning the championship, victory in this affair is considered the year's finest triumph.

In other Thanksgiving Day clashes in the CIAA, Virginia State college of Petersburg erased the last title hope of Morgan State college by winning their traditional meeting at Baltimore, 20-7; Hampton whipped Union at Richmond, 12-0, and Howard conquered Lincoln in their vintage get-together at Philadelphia, 12-7.

Coach Herman H. (Herm) Riddick, a 1933 graduate of North Carolina, guided the team to the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship in his eighth year in the saddle. He took over at NCC in 1945, after a highly successful career at the local Hillside High School.

Won Title in '42, Lost it

Although the Eagles have been consistently close to the conference crown in recent years, on only one other occasion did they gain title consideration.

In 1942, North Carolina apparently had won the CIAA gonfalon, only to have the pennant disallowed because of the use of an ineligible player, Henry (Big Dog) Thomas.

Official announcement of the outcome of the 1953 CIAA race will follow the conference's annual meeting in Washington next month.

However, the CIAA's statistician, John B. McLendon Jr., Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., said officially over the week end, that NCC's Dickinson rating average of 25.00 put her ahead of her nearest rivals, Virginia State and Morgan who are in second and third place respectively, with ratings of 21.66.

A. and T. and West Virginia tied for fourth place with 20.00; Hampton was fifth with 18.57, and Johnson C. Smith was sixth with 17.85.

Praises Team Spirit

In CIAA play for the season, Riddick ended up with a 6-1-0 record, losing only to Virginia State college.

Riddick credits his championship "to top rate assistants who operate as a team and to an unusually fine and high spirited group of good, hard-playing American boys."

Riddick's aides say it is significant that 23 of the Eagles' players this year are freshmen and that seven, while upperclassmen, were without experience in collegiate football.

"This is a young team, but what they lacked in experience, they made up for in spirit," Riddick says.

FOOTBALL REGISTRY

Following are some of the lads you may see competing in mixed college games during the current football season:

MICHIGAN STATE — Leroy Bolden, Jim Ellis, Tyrus Duggs, halfbacks; Ellis Duckett, Jim Hinesly John Lewis, ends; Embry Robinson tackle; Alvin Lee, guard.

UCLA — Milt Davis, Sam Brown, halfbacks; Willie Collins, fullback; Rommie Loudd, Clarence Norris, ends; Hardy Cureton, guard.

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BALTIMORE COLTS — Buddy Young, George Taliaferro, halfbacks; Mel Embree, end.

CHICAGO CARDINALS — Jack Spinks, halfback; George Gilchrist Jr., tackle; Willie Carter, fullback; Charley Robinson, guard.

CHICAGO BEARS — Billy Anderson, Eddie Macon, halfbacks; Willie Thrower quarterback.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Marion Motley, Sherman Howard, fullbacks; Len Ford, Horace Gillom, ends; Bill Willis, guard.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Bob Mann, end.

LOS ANGELES RAMS—Dan Towler, fullback; Tank Younger, Woodley Lewis, Dick Lane, halfbacks; Bob Boyd, end; Harry Thompson, guard.

NEW YORK GIANTS — Emlen Tunnell, halfback; Leo Miles, fullback; Roosevelt Brown, tackle; Cliff Anderson end.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES —Ralph Goldston, halfback (on injured list).

SAN FRANCISCO 49ers — Joe Perry, fullback; Charley Powell, end.

I.C.C. ALL-STAR TEAM

Fred Davis, Butler — Ralph London, Butler — Leroy Thompson, Butler — George Freyn, Butler

Bob Eickholtz, Butler — Ralph Starenko, Valparaiso — Gerry Raasch, Valparaiso — Chuck Lembke, Valparaiso

Ralph Cook, Ball State — Governor Brady, Ball State — Ernest Butler, Ball State — Bill Parish, Evansville

Bob Masulovich, Indiana State — Jack Griffith, Indiana State

Members of the all-star football squad selected in the Indiana Collegiate conference. Gene Kuzmic of Butler is also on the squad, but his picture was unavailable.

BUTLER PLACES 6 MEN ON I. C. C. ALL-STAR TEAM

Davis and Lembke Only Unanimous Choices

Valparaiso, Ind., Nov. 21 [Special]—Fifteen football players of the Indiana Collegiate conference were singled out today by the football coaches of the conference as the best for 1953, according to an announce-

ment from Dr. David Johnson, conference president.

In a unique plan developed by the league, the coaching staffs of the member schools were asked to nominate all members of their own squads whom they considered to be All-Conference material. A composite list was then assembled and the coaching staffs then cast their ballots, with no coach permitted to vote for any of his own players. No less than 37 players were nominated, and from this list came the 15 man All-Conference team.

Two Unanimous Choices

Two unanimous choices head the squad. Quarter Back Fred Davis of Butler and Center Chuck Lembke of Valparaiso garnered the maximum number of votes which any one player could accumulate. Both are seniors and are home town players, Davis having graduated from Indianapolis Shortridge High, and Lembke from Valparaiso High school.

In five conference games, Davis completed 44 of 67 pass attempts and gained 520 yards via the airways. Four of his passes to George Freyn clicked for touchdowns. Lembke, meanwhile, was a bulwark at the center post for Valparaiso, playing practically 60 minutes of every game, and backing up the line with a high degree of proficiency.

Besides Davis, five other players from Butler's 1953 championship team were honored. Leroy Thompson and Gene Kuzmic were the highest vote getters next to Lembke and Davis, failing to win unanimous selection by only one vote. The pile driving full back and the high scoring Kuzmic were vital cogs in the Bulldog machine. Kuzmic won the 1953 individual scoring crown with 49 points, and Thompson finished the season as the league's best rusher with 400 net yards. George Freyn, Ralph London and Bob Eicholtz complete the list of Butler All-Stars.

Four Players Repeat

Davis and London are repeaters from the 1952 All Conference team, and they are joined in this distinction by Bob Masulovich of Indiana State and Ernie Butler of Ball State.

Ball State and Valparaiso, who tied for runnerup spot in 1953 each placed three men on the All-Star roster. Governor [Sonny] Grady, Ernie Butler, and Ralph Cook comprise the Cardinal representation. Grady, the flashy sofomore half back, put up a terrific struggle for the individual scoring crown, failing by one point in his last game efforts to overtake Butler's Gene Kuzmic. Ernie Butler was a favorite target for Cardinal passers, and Cook performed steadily in Coach George Serdula's line at the tackle spot.

The only out of staters on this year's team were Valparaiso's two tackles, Ralph Starenko and Jerry Raasch, who were among the five tackles named to receive All-Star recognition. Evansville's Bill Parish was the third half back selected. The ex All-City half back earned his letter last year as a freshman, and he continued to provide the spark to Coach Don Ping's eleven this past campaign.

3 Honorably Mentioned

Bob Masulovich and Jack Griffith, both of Indiana State complete the squad. Both men were prep standouts before coming to Indiana State where they continued their excellent work under Coach Mark Dean.

In addition to these 15 players, the coaches selected three players for honorable mention, St. Joseph's Pete Fenlon, and Valparaiso's Jerry Karstens and Roy Carlson. Fenlon and Karstens were wingmen while Carlson, the conference's number one punter, performed as a full back for the Crusaders.

AFRO poll names Rattlers champs

Jake Gaither's unbeaten team draws heavy support

By SAM LACY

The Florida A and M University Rattlers, unofficial claimants of the 1952 national football championship, made it official this year by collecting an overwhelming number of votes in a poll conducted by the AFRO-AMERICAN.

Although coaches in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association were not invited to participate in the voting, schools throughout the rest of the country were asked to forward their selections for the No. 1 college eleven.

Coach Jake Gaither's unbeaten Rattlers won hands down.

CIAA Bypassed

Reason for bypassing the CIAA was due to the conference's stadfast policy of employing the Dickinson Rating the fact that few of the schools played sufficient strong out-of-league teams to give them a fair chance of evaluating, seemed to justify the AFRO's elimination of them as judges.

It is admitted here that, by the same token, most of the schools which voted for Florida did so without seeing many of the CIAA elevens in action. However, there were some who did, some who played CIAA competition and still chose the SIAC titleholder.

In previous years, the AFRO has refrained from attempting to pick either a national champion or a so-called "All-American" eleven. It still stays clear of the All-America on the assumption that such a task is impossible of achieving even in the major college field, despite the widespread news service coverage.

19 Pick Rattlers

Florida was the choice of 19 to 27 coaches asked to vote. Two did not reply. Some of the typical answers follow:

CLEVE ABBOTT Tuskegee — "I sincerely believe the national championship should lie between Florida and Prairie View, provided of course, Prairie View is able to beat Southern University when they meet." (They weren't —ed note).

TOM PAWLEY, Missouri Lincoln — "Coach (Dwight) Reed's nomination for the 1953 national championship is Florida A and M."

JOE ECHOLS, Morehouse College — "The No. 1 team seems to me to be Florida. I haven't seen them but I've seen several of the teams they beat and they must have something."

GEORGE EDWARDS, Kentucky State College — "My idea of the No. 1 college team of the nation is Florida A and M."

H. B. THOMPSON, Fisk University — "Florida A and M University is my No. 1 football team of 1953."

LORENZA BENNETT, Paul Quinn College — "I think Florida is the No. 1 club of the nation among colored colleges."

JAKE GAITHER

FRED LONG, Texas College— "We played all three of the schools getting most of the top mention — Florida, Southern and Prairie View. We were at full strength when we met Florida in ankle deep mud. They couldn't be stopped."

TED BROWNE, Claflin College — "The No. 1 club in the nation should be the winner of the Florida - Prairie View game. I don't think Tennessee or Missouri Lincoln played enough top bracket teams to qualify."

JOHN E. BROWN, Benedict College — "My selection for the No. 1 football team is Florida A and M."

There are other votes for the Tallahassee aggregation, but the expressions presented herewith follow the general theme.

1953 CIAA grid leaders

Ball Carrying, Single Game

Name & College	Trys	Avg. Per try
Giles, St. Aug.	12	13 5
McIntyre, W.-Salem	15	10 6
Thornton, N.C. College	18	9.6

Ball Carrying, Total Games

Name & College	Gained	Avg. Per try
Parks, Bluefield	253	6.325
Thornton, N.C. College	557	6.320
McArthur, Morgan	434	6.11

Longest Runs

Name & College	Opp.	Yds. run
Miller, Lincoln	Ft. Mead	94
Crawford, Hampton	W.-Salem	84
McIntyre, W-Salem	St. Paul	82

Kick-off Returns

Name & College	Opp.	Yds. run
Miller, Lincoln	Shaw	99
Robinson, Union	Lincoln	84
Thornton, N.C. College	Tenn	74

Punt Return

Name & College	Opp.	Yd. run
Wilder, Shaw	Bluefield	65
Green, Delaware	St. Paul	45
Penn, Smith	W.-Salem	40

Intercepted Passes

Name & College	Opp.	Yd. run
Dennis, Morgan	Howard	65
Lewis, Bluefield	Central	65
Thornton, N.C. Col.	St. Aug.	60

Forward Passing, Single Game

Freeman, Va. State	14	10	713
Casey, Hampton	15	9	600
Ellis, Lincoln	10	6	600

Forward Passing, Total Games

McIlwain, Smith	58	31	554
Wilson, J., W.-Salem	108	57	527
Mills, Guy, A & T	27	13	481

Single Game, Touchdown Passes

Casey, Hampton	W.-Salem	4
Williams, Morgan	West Va.	2
Gregory, Howard	Lincoln	2
Freeman, Va. State	Hampton	2

Total Games, Touchdown Passes

Name & College	Passes
Casey, Hampton	9
Harris, Bluefield	5
Freeman, Va. State	5
Washington, St. Aug.	4
Thompson, Delaware	4

Highest Points

Name & College	Games	Points
Cas[illegible], Hampton	10	44
Petty, Smith	8	42
Eason, Hampton	10	36
McArthur, Morgan	8	36
Montgomery, N.C. Col.	8	36
Smith, Va. State	8	36

Extra Points

Name & College	Ext Pt.
Harris, Hampton	11
Hollin[illegible]rtn, N. C. Col.	10
McIlwain, Smith	7

Punting Average

Name & College	Punts	Ave.
Wilder, Shaw	69	41.3
Montgomery, N.C. Col.	35	39.2
Neverson, Howard	44	38.9
Harris, Hampton	32	37.5

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Rochester's Son Drafted By Bears Owned By Browns

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The William Anderson listed Thursday as a draft choice of the Chicago Bears in the National Football League is the son of Negro comedian Eddie 'Rochester' Anderson—and already under contract to the Cleveland Browns.

Rochester reached at a rehearsal of the Jack Benny radio show, said his son signed a week ago with the Ohio pro grid club and has been told by the Cleveland management that his contract is valid despite the Bears' draft.

Young Anderson, a halfback, also was one of the nations' top hurdlers while a student at nearby Compton College. He just missed being a member of the United States Olympic team in last year's tryouts.

Last October, Anderson, 22, received a two-year suspended sentence in a Louisville narcotics case. He had been accused of transferring marijuana while an Army private at Fort Knox, Ky.

His sentence was suspended in the case after his attorney told a Federal judge that the youth received an honorable discharge from the Army and had a future in professional football.

He played on the Fort Knox grid team while stationed there. His father disclosed that owner-coach George Halas of the Bears had phoned the youth Wednesday and informed him of the draft choice. The youth told Halas that he had already signed with the Cleveland club.

Later, his father reported, the athlete called the Browns' management and was told that his status was unaffected by the college draft inasmuch as the Army service voided any draft action.

The youth actually is the son of Rochester's wife by a previous marriage but some years ago the comedian legally adopted the boy and gave him his name.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Bert Bell, commissioner of the National Football League, said Thursday night that William Anderson, son of Negro comedian Eddie 'Rochester' Anderson is the football property of the Chicago Bears, not the Cleveland Browns.

Bell, reached in the draft-conference room at the annual NFL meeting, said Anderson's class did not graduate until June, 1953 and therefore he was subject to the 1952 NFL—college draft.

"I know all about Anderson having signed a contract with the Cleveland Browns several weeks ago," he said. "I received the contract and immediately informed the Browns that it was not acceptable since Anderson was not a free agent and would be in the draft."

Bell said Cleveland raised no objection when Anderson's name was listed by Chicago Bear owner George Halas as his first draft choice.

Ohio State's Watkins Named Back of Week

Auburn's James, Bama's Starr And State's Parker Mentioned

NEW YORK, Oct. 6—(AP)—Bobby Watkins, the bulldozing Ohio State halfback who scored four touchdowns against California in full view of a nationwide television audience, has been named the Associated Press back of the week.

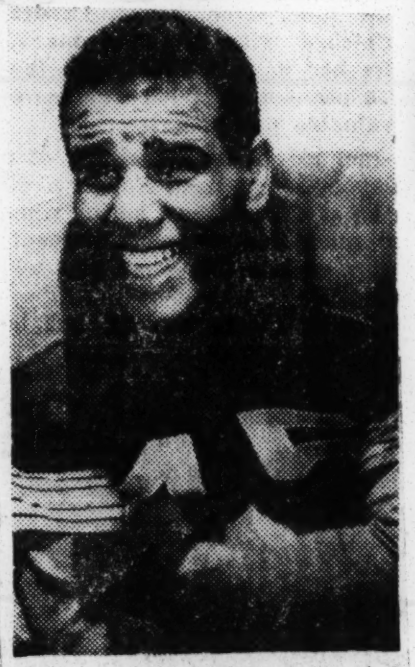
The chunky, 5-9, 188-pound Negro from New Bedford, Mass., was selected on the strength of a brilliant all-around performance which included 145 net yards rushing in 20 tries for an impressive 7.2 average.

Watkins, whose hobby is classical music, drew special praise from California Coach Lynn Waldorf who called him "the hardest back we've seen in a long time." Recalling the 1950 Rose Bowl game which had marked the last previous meeting of the two schools Waldorf compared Watkins' hard-driving to that of Buckeye fullback Fred Morrison who wrecked the Cal line at Pasadena.

Watkins, slated for fullback duty this fall, was shifted to right half when injuries struck Jerry Harkrader and Howard Cassady and has shown amazing versatility in his first two games. In addition to his fullback power and halfback speed, Watkins caught four passes for 70 yards and a touchdown against Indiana.

Michigan State's Leroy Bolden, Wisconsin's Alan Ameche, Columbia's Dick Carr, Baylor's Cotton Davidson, Texas A&M's Don Ellis and Northwestern's Dick Thomas pressed Watkins for top honors in the first weekly AP back poll of the 1953 season.

Other standout backs of the week included Jackie Parker of Mississippi State, Lamar McHan of Arkansas, Fob James Jr. of Auburn, Royce Flippin of Princeton, Paul Larson of California, Bart Starr of Alabama, Elry Falkenstein of Illinois and Tony Branoff of Michigan.



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BACK OF THE WEEK

Ohio State's Bobby Watkins

RALPH McGILL

These Were Men Of Dan McGugin

VANDERBILT STADIUM, NASHVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 3—At halftime of the Alabama - Vanderbilt game here Saturday, Dan McGugin's old players answered a signal and came thronging out of the stands to the playing field. They were come to see their old coach formally inducted into football's Hall of Fame.

Before they formed, as requested, along the two 45-yard lines, they halted in two great milling, shouting, back-slapping groups. Some had not seen each other in 20 and 30 years. Some were worn by the ravages of illness and walked with canes. One, the great fullback of almost 50 years ago, was in a wheel chair, a paralytic, with two nurses, a doctor and ambulance at hand. But he was in line.

With them was a tall, ageless Negro man, wrinkled and limping a bit, but himself a center of attraction. He too was hugged and pounded; his hand shaken, his ears tweeked. He was Bowling Fitzgerald, who for all Dan McGugin's 30 years as head coach at Vanderbilt was the one and only trainer.

He bandaged ankles, rubbed sore backs and legs, and offered encouragement and, on occasion, lent modest sums in times of emergency. He was radiant as he looked about him at the balding heads, the broadened beams, the middle-aged spreads, and of a certainty he saw only the slim-limbed boys of bygone years.

The citation was read placing McGugin in football's Hall of Fame at Rutgers University, where the first college football game was played between Rutgers and Princeton in 1869. In 30 years of coaching at Vanderbilt his teams won 200 victories, lost only 57 games and had 18 ties. His teams scored 6,812 points against 1,692 for their opponents. That's the record, and the game and told them of a

Second Father

He was an inspirational coach, but he was no orator. He talked haltingly, slowly. He talked with great simplicity. At Minnesota, in 1924, on the Saturday after the Gophers had beaten Red Grange and Illinois, he talked with his team before it is unique.

vanished hand on their shoulder, and the sound of a steadying, assuring voice that is gone.

Mrs. McGugin, her face alive with the emotion of the moment, came slowly down the line, a strong, solemly-serious son on each arm. The old players noted to one another that Dan Jr. looked very much like the Old Man, and Leonard, more like his mother.

Memories

Today his old players had come from this Capital city of the Volunteer State, and from a dozen others, some distant. And, as they formed along the two 45-yard lines, filling each from sideline to sideline because several hundred had come, each remembered the touch of a

soldier's description of the Confederate troops under Pickett a few minutes before the charge at Gettysburg.

He told of how the troops talked of the folks at home and of how each man knew his people waited for news of the battle and of how they would conduct themselves. Then, he paused and said, "Back home in Tennessee this afternoon they are waiting to hear how you will conduct yourselves in this game."

They went out and scored a great 16 to 0 upset.

To most of his men McGugin was a sort of second father, friend and teacher, and for all of us this bright October day was one of great and affectionate memory. And maybe at that if we'd let Bowling pick a team, we might have run Alabama off the field. For a moment there we felt the old surge and strength as we remembered Dan McGugin.

But behind that record is a man who taught more than football. Much more, as the two long lines of his old players could testify.

Bratkowski Captures Nation's Passing Lead

202 Yards Gained at Maryland Jump Bulldog Ace From 11th to Top Rung

NEW YORK, Oct. 13—(AP)—Led by Georgia's Zeke Bratkowski, who has taken over the passing leadership, a few familiar names are appearing with a host of newcomers dominating individual offense among the nation's major football colleges.

Although Georgia was beaten 40-13 by undefeated Maryland Saturday, Bratkowski completed 16 passes for 202 yards and jumped from 11th place to first in rankings based on number of completions, figures of the National Collegiate Athletic Bureau showed today.

Bratkowski tied the 1953 single game high set by Northwestern's Dick Thomas against Army the week before and brought his total to 37 completions in 76 tries. His total of 529 yards gained through the air is also best in the country.

Don Ellis of Texas A&M is second in passing with 35 completions in 70 attempts for 384 yards.

In total offense, the leader with 637 yards is Joe Mastrogiovanni of Wyoming, followed by Paul Larson of California with 573 and Bratkowski with 527.

The rushing leader is Arizona's 160-pound Ken Cardella with 473 yards, followed by J. C. Caroline, Illinois sophomore with 463 yards. Caroline gained 192 yards for Illinois in its 41-20 victory over Ohio State.

The best single game ball carrying of the season was Dick Imer's 221 yards for Montana against Denver Friday night. Imer is third with 420 yards.

Most accurate of the passers who have thrown 30 or more times has been Pete Vann of Army, with 21 completions in 32 tosses for 65.5 per cent. Don Rydlach of Utah, one of the best last year, has 31 out of 48 for 64.6 per cent.

The 10 leaders in each classification:

TOTAL OFFENSE

Player	G.	Plays	Yds.
1. Mastrogiovanni, Wyo.	4	84	637
2. Larson, California	4	93	573
3. Bratkowski, Georgia	4	84	527
4. Thomas, Northwestern	3	75	480
5. Cameron, UCLA	4	102	474
6. Cardella, Arizona	4	76	473
7. Lederman, Washington	4	107	466
8. Parker, Miss. State	4	64	464
9. Kline, Detroit	4	95	464
10. Caroline, Illinois	3	59	463

FORWARD PASSING

Player	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.
1. Bratkowski, Ga.	76	37	48.7	529
2. Ellis, Texas A&M	70	35	50.0	384
3. Lederman, Wash.	81	35	43.2	437
4. Thomas, Nthwstrn	55	34	61.8	516
5. Larson, Calif.	66	32	48.5	514
6. Rydalch, Utah	48	31	64.6	393
7. Garrett, Stanford	63	31	49.2	406
8. Heath, Montana	77	29	37.7	403
9. Gramling, S. C.	51	28	54.9	401
10. Dados, Penn S.	60	28	46.7	356

UCLA'S Cameron

Illini's Caroline

Philip Benson, Columbia sophomore back, who plays his first game for Lions against Lehigh today.

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Illini's Big Three in Buckeye Kout

[Associated Press Wirephoto]

Taking major share of Illinois' 41 to 20 rout of Ohio State Saturday in Columbus, O., were Elry Falkenstein (left), who quarter backed the attack which enabled J. C. Caroline (26) to score two touchdowns and Mickey Bates (44) to tally four times. Illini face Minnesota Saturday.

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THEIR NOSES GOT IN THE WAY: Three Marquette University players show broken noses received last Saturday in game with Wisconsin. Left to right: End Hosea Sims, Tackle Jim Pasterski and Halfback Ray Zagar. Adding insult to injury, Wisconsin downed Marquette, 13-11

Caroline breaks record, Bates closes in on another

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (ANP) — Making 71,11i nomecoming fans happy. Sophomore J. C. Caroline shattered more records as he lead Illinois to a 19-3 victory over Michigan Saturday.

Caroline gained 184 yards in 30 carries, two more yards than the entire Michigan team had both on the ground and in the air. Adding to this 66 yards on three returns, he broke a university record set by Red Grange for total yardage for CIAA overall action, set by Red Grange nearly 30 years ago.

Bates Nears Mark

J. C. also is within 36 yars of the all-time Big Ten record for yards gainend. He has gained 736 yards in four conference tilts. He is the nation's top collegiate ground gainer in rushing.

His running mate, Mickey Bates, scored two more touchdowns to bring his total for the season to 11, only two short of the school's scoring record held jointly by the famed Buddy Young, Grange and Johnny Karras. Bates tallied on bursts five yards and four yards.

Why they laugh

The toast of the University of Illinois these days is a spindly - legged halfback from Columbia, S.C. named J. C. Caroline.

Mr. Caroline, only 20 and a sophomore, has crashed nearly every ground-gaining record in the book.

He has broken the immortal Red Grange's all-time Illinois record of 1,260 yards for a season with 1,345 yards in only seven games.

He has set an all-time record with 1,075 yards from rushing.

He has smashed the all-time Big Ten record of 774 yards made in 1951 by Wisconsin's Alan Ameche.

Against the strong University of Michigan team, he picked up 184 yards in 30 tries. This was 16 yards more than was made by the entire Michigan team.

Upwards of 50,000 stand and cheer his amazing gridiron exploits on behalf of Illinois every Saturday.

Few doubt that the brilliant Mr. Caroline is destined for All-America recognition.

Yet Mr. Caroline cannot be forgiven by a certain campus clique for having been born with a dark skin.

Hero or not, he's still not white and therefore ineligible to receive service at the hands of campus barbers.

Unless he wants to travel several mi- to the nearest colored shop, he must wea his hair long.

It's this kind of vicious discrimination that makes the rest of the world laugh derisively when the United States takes the floor and piously proclaims its belief in freedom, brotherhood and equality.

On Mixed Grid Front

Same old story

CHAMPAIGN, Ill—With Mickey Bates and J. C. Caroline combining their talents for a total gain of 231 yards, unbeaten Illinois continued her drive toward the Rose Bowl here Saturday via a 21-0 trouncing of Purdue.

J. C. Caroline

It was the same old story as the Illini' elusive scatback twins virtually ran holes into a Boilermaker defense that had so effectively bottled up previously invincible Michigan State a week ago. Bates scored the first touchdown on one of his frequent bursts, a 35-yard gallop that subsequently proved to be all that was needed for the victory.

But it was Caroline who again emerged the "big" runner of the day His 157 yards in 27 carries brought his year's total to 891, a new record for the school, eclipsing marks set by two great predecessors—Buddy Young and Red Grange.

After Bates' TD, it was a fair "coast" for the homeings, Purdue never seriously threatening thereafter.

Two for two

MINNEAPOLIS— Fullback Bobby Epps scored a touchdown and quarterback Henry Ford passed for another, but Pittsburgh was unable to cope with an inspired Minnesota eleven here Saturday and as a result the Gophers scored a 35-14 victory in their nationally televised game.

Bobby Epps

Epps crashed over from the 2, to culminate Pitt's score-tying, second quarter TD, but he and his mates couldn't check the great Paul Giel thereafter. Ford's payoff pass was a short shot to end Joe Zombek in the waning moments.

Ellis goes 75 yards

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Understandably miffed by their 6-0 upset at the hands of Purdue last week, Michigan State gave vent to their fury here Saturday by drubbing a hapless Oregon State squad, 34-6.

Jim Ellis

Chief offender in the Spartan up-rising was Jim Ellis, who scored two of his team's touchdowns one a thrilling 76-yard punt return. His second marker was a one-foot smash into the end zone that capped a 65-yard drive.

With Leroy Bolden out on account of an injury, Ellis bore the brunt of the ball-carrying chores for the Spartans, who ran up 283 yards against 68 for the opposition.

'Irish' aides

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—Halfback Dick Washington was prominent on defense and tackle while Wayne Edmonds proved outstanding going both ways—on offense and defense — as Notre Dame continued as the No. 1 team of the nation here Saturday, by walloping Navy, 38-7

Washington

The bronzed members of the "Fighting Irish" saw heavy action as the locals continued unbeaten for the season.

Watkins leads rally

COLUMBUS, Ohio—Ohio State came off a 6-0 lead by Northwestern here Saturday and, with Bobby Watkins occupying the engineer's seat, went on to rack up a 27-13 edge.

Watkins capped a third-period drive of 89 yards—during which he contributed runs of 28 and 19 yards—by going over tackle for the second Buckeye TD. In all, he collected 101 yards for his day's efforts.

They wuz there

MADISON, Wisc. — Halfback Charley Thomas and tackle Marty Booher were in on the surprise Wisconsin had in store for Iowa here Saturday as they edged their neighboring state rivals, 10-6, in a drab game.

Thomas did not figure in the scoring but he was a reliable short-gain man as the Badgers topped the Hawkeyes with their large contingent of end Frank Gilliam, tackle John Hall, guard Calvin Jones and backs Eddie Vincent, Earl Smith and Bob Stearnes.

Jackson rolls on

ITHACA, N.Y.—Dick Jackson continued to click his heels as one of the Ivy League's finest ball-carriers here Saturday as he reeled off two touchdowns and paced Cornell to a 27-13 decision over Columbia.

D. Jackson

The swivel-hipped sophomore from Athens, Pa., tallied first on a short plunge into the line to climax a 59-yard march, and went over a second time

Nationally-Famous Coach Of "Tigers" Rates High Praise

Former-Kentuckian Who Has Sent His Teams To Four National Championships, Will Share Public Accolade With Late President Hale At A&I Homecoming; Tremendous Crowd Expected For Thanksgiving

By Catherine L. Smith

To the champion-maker who is probably one of the most colorful mentors on the collegiate scene, who puts morale, fundamentals and system, in that order for developing first-rate football squads, Tennessee State University sets aside November 26th as "Henry Arthur Kean Day."

The presentation of an automobile to Head Coach Kean will be a tangible token of the University's appreciation for his years of service and devotion to his principles upon which games are won; character is built, coaching jobs are maintained and more people are more satisfied most of the time.

Sparked by the Alumni Association of Tennessee State University, more than 15 groups and countless individuals from all over the nation, have been making financial contributions toward the purchase of the automobile.

"It matters not the system you mate, the "T" or wings to seek the goal; your fundamentals are the captain of your fate, your morale the master of your soul."

With this personal coaching philosophy, dynamic Kean has taught youth the great American game of football for 33 years in Kentucky West Virginia and Tennessee.

"There is no greater or more desirable a profession than coaching," is the opinion of Kean, who has expended a lifetime of energies in developing some of the most formidable teams in the nation with 4 national championship teams to his credit.

Starting his coaching career in 1920 at Simmons University, Louisville, Ky., he also taught at Paducah High School, Paducah, Ky., 1921; Kentucky N. & T. Institute Frankford, Ky., 1922; Simmons High School, Montgomery, West Virginia, 1923; Central High School in Louisville, Ky., his hometown, 1924-29; Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Ky., 1930-44; and since then at Tennessee State.

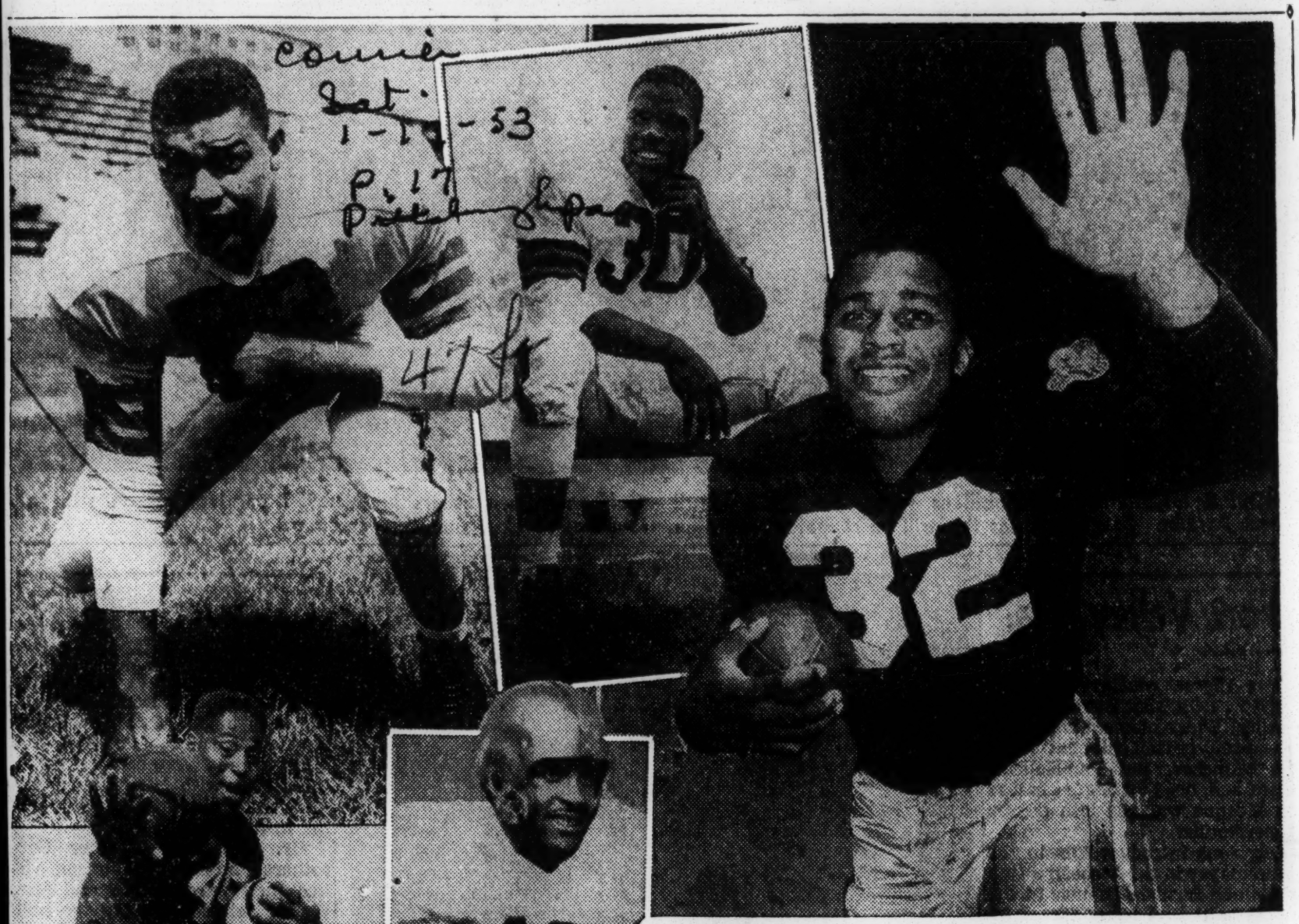
Mentor Kean believes that the so-called systems of single and double wing backs, the spread, the "T," the Army "A," the "I," the Notre Dame Box and others are the least important items in developing a winning team. "The system is only good in direct proportion as you teach the fundamentals of charging, blocking, tackling, kicking, passing and running."

Coach Kean further believes that most upsets are the end result of low team morale, and that superior teams and superior coaches are made by developing the philosophy of "all for one and one for all."

An inveterate athlete, Kean reiterates that "your morale is the master of your soul" is the most neglected, yet the most important element in building winning teams, and mental and physical control in adversity and in success.

The committee for "Henry Arthur Kean Day" is chairmaned by Phynetta Nellis, National Chairman of the Alumni Association; William L. Crump, Executive Secretary; C. J. Kincaide, Treasurer. The specific groups and their Chairmen are: Colleges and Universities, R. B. Atwood; High School, J. H. Cooper; Agora Assembly, John W. Work; Tennessee State University Faculty, Staff and Students, Carl M. Hill; Former Athletes of Fisk University Tubby Johnson; Former Athletes of Tennessee State University, C. J. Kincaide; Coaches, Shannon Little; Business Firms, Annie G. H. Sasser; Mid-western Athletic Officials, Frank Stanley; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, C. B. Steele; Editors and Sports Writers, Frank "Fay" Young; Tennessee State University Alumni, Modestine Young; and Kentucky State Alumni and Friends, Hubert B. Crouch.

N. C. Breezes by Hampton



All Pro Picks—The biggest selection of tan talent to ever make a pro football team was announced last week when the five players pictured were named to the AP All-Pro football team. The players are, left to right, top row, Len Ford, Cleveland Browns; Bill Willis, Browns; Dan Towler, Los Angeles Rams. Lower photos show Emlen Tunnell, New York Giants, and Ollie Matson, Chicago Cardinals, right.

Five Tan Gridders Make All-Pro Team

NEW YORK — Five tan grid stars took their place beside the best play-for-pay players in the country here last week when they were named to the Associated Press All-Pro football team for 1952.

The five players who gained the distinction of being the best in their respective positions are: Bill Willis and Len Ford, defensive guard and end for the rugged Cleveland Browns; Ollie Matson, brilliant all-around player with the Chicago Cardinals, selected as a defensive back; Emlen Tunnell, the twinkle-toe safety man of the New York Giants, and Deacon Dan Towler, hard-running halfback with the Los Angeles Rams.

OF TEH FIVE players chosen on the team only Towler was picked on the offensive unit. During the season, however, Matson, playing his first year of professional football, was a standout offensive and defensive performer with the Cards.

Towler, who failed to make the AP all-star team last season, came through with flying colors this time. The swift line buster, who calls Donora, Pa., his home, cracked the league record in ground gaining during the past season. In 156 carries Towler picked up 894 yards for an average of 5.7 yards every time he toted the pigskin.

Emlen Tunnell, clever Giant safety man had the distinction of leading the field, with teammate Arnie Weinmeister, in vote getting. It also marked the second successive season that Tunnell has been honored by AP with a place on the team.

ALSO ON THE list of those who repeated on this year's team were Len Ford and Bill Willis. The stout-hearted Cleveland defensive standouts have been nominated on every pro team this season. Their individual efforts place them well over most of the opposition in their respective positions.

Only one Negro, George Taliaferro of the now defunct Dallas Texans, was named among the honorable mention list. Taliaferro, despite poor support, has continued to be one of the game's greatest performers.

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Pro Coaches Eyeing Graduating Grid Stars From Negro Colleges

WASHINGTON — Encouraged by the performances recorded by such stars as Tank Younger, who went from the Southern University Jaguars straight to the Los Angeles Rams, and by Jack Spinks, who made the jump from the Alcorn (Miss.) State College Braves to the Pittsburgh Steelers, professional coaches are feverishly eyeing Negro college ranks for possible 1953 rookies.

"We are not interested in a man's color," said Joe Bach, coach of the Steelers. "We are interested in good football players, men who can help us solve our problems in fielding a sound ball club."

THE PITTSBURGH mentor was introduced to A. S. Gaither, coach of the national championship Florida A. and M. Rattlers, by Coach Andy Gustafson of the University of Miami. Gustafson, an ex-U. of Pittsburgh star, highly recommended several Famcee players to Coach Bach. The men talked just outside of the quarters of Maj. Cleve Abbott, coach at Tusekgee Institute, and B. T. Harvey.

Other pro coaches made no attempt to disguise a genuine interest in colored stars. They said the uniformity of player selections, as imposed by the draft, makes difficult the acquisition of "steals."

Convinced that a world of material is available in Negro colleges which are not now formally subject to draft regulations, an aroused interest is being cast in that direction.

Coach Curly Lambeau of the Washington Redskins was quoted as saying he would be delighted to obtain the services of a boy like Younger of the Rams: a balanced performer who hits like a tank on both offense and defense. Coach Bach expects Spinks to become a tartar, although admitting the 230-pound Alcorn ace was faced with problems of adaptation last season. At least fifty Negroes are expected to be active in the pro bigtime by 1955.

Hampton Awards Trophy To Joe Young

HAMPTON, Va. — Josiah Young, '52 football captain; Alan Walker, high scorer in basketball; and Harvey J. Harman, head football coach of Rutgers University, shared the spotlight of the annual Varsity Nite at Hampton Institute.

"Mighty Joe" Young was awarded the Townsend Award, given annually to a Pirate football player by Williard S. Townsend, of Chicago, a member of the college Board of Trustees. The trophy recognizes its "most valuable" to the team the player who meets more of the following standards more of the time than does any other Hampton player: scholarship, leadership, physical conditioning, knowledge of the game, offensive and defensive skill, and good sportsmanship. "Mighty Joe" led the Pirates to a 4 win and 5 loss record in the past season.

The Varsity Club of the college presented Alan Walker with the trophy for the Most Outstanding Athlete of the year. Walker, fast on his feet and deadly when aiming at the basket, led the Pirates in their march to the CIAA Basketball Tournament by chalking up more points than the other team members.

Harvey J. Harman, who has coached at Rutgers since 1938, holds the unique position of being one of the top three coaches in the U. S. who have been active longest in intercollegiate football.

"To win games, players must show the same characteristics which our forefathers showed when they founded this nation," he told the audience of 760 gathered in Ogden Hall.

At the annual banquet given for those winning recognition in the varsity sports at Hampton — football, basketball, boxing, wrestling, swimming, tennis, and track James Early of Baltimore talked on looking back. While a student, Mr. Early a Hampton graduate of '31, won the 440 by setting a record of 49 seconds which stood for two years.

Gold boxing gloves were awarded the Pirate Boxing Team for winning the CIAA championship. Members of the team include Nelson Alvarez, Joseph Clark, Nixon Camper, captain, Herbert Jackson, Geo. Pickens, William Rayfield, Connie Stamps, and Robert Tucker.

New team captains announced recently are: football, William Rayfield; basketball, co-captains Donald Ellis and Hammond Knox; boxing, Nixon Camper; wrestling, Robert Rutledge; swimming, Prince Simmons, and track, Harry E. Eason and Clarence R. Phillips.

Jon McWilliams Cornhusker Tan Back, Stands Out In N.U. Win Over Jayhawks

LINCOLN, Neb.— Using Kansas fumbles as its chief defensive weapon, the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers sweated out a 9-0 victory over the K. U. Jayhawkers here Saturday at the University of Nebraska stadium.

New Offensive Threat

At the same time, the Cornhuskers uncovered a new offensive threat in Negro halfback Jon McWilliams, an elusive 185-lb. sophomore from Sidney, Neb. Carrying for 71 yards in 13 tries, McWilliams was effective around end and off tackle throughout the scoreless first half. His fumble on the K. U. 5-yd. line, however, ended the first Nebraska scoring threat in the first play of the second quarter.

In addition to a good job of ball carrying, McWilliams played a strong defensive game. This was the first game he has started for Bill Glassford's in and out Cornhuskers but it is safe to say that Nebraska opponents will be seeing more of the young man with the "21" on his jersey.

33,000 At Game

The crowd of 33,000 included several hundred loyal Jayhawk fans who had journeyed to Lincoln to see Kansas attempt to score its third conference win of the year. They spent agonizing afternoons as butter-fingered K. U. backs would, time after time, move the ball well through the line only to give it away when they reached pay dirt.

The Kansas line consistently outcharged the Nebraska forwards and repeated gains were made by Don Hess, Bob Allison, John Anderson, John McFarland and Ralph Moody only to have them neutralized by inability to hang onto the ball when it counted.

Nebraska counted first toward the end of the third quarter after a fine 55-yard run by Bob Smith to the Kansas 2 had set up the touchdown. Halted momentarily by a five-yard offside penalty, Smith broke over for the first tally from the eight-yard line. Novak's kick missed. Nebraska scored the clincher when Novak kicked a field goal from placement from the Kansas 22.

Jayhawks Threaten

K. U. threatened late in the fourth quarter on a 40-yard McFarland to Hess pass to the Nebraska 10. Moody then ran to the two-yard line. Then, to make the afternoon a consistent one, Hess fumbled and Schabacker of Nebraska recovered.

The 1953 Nebraska squad includ-

es two other Negro players in addition to McWilliams. Charles Bryant, a guard, is a 185-lb. junior from Omaha and Sylvester Harris 195-lbs., is a second string end from Kansas City, Mo. Both Bryant and Harris have seen considerable action this season and are expected to add to the experienced strength available to the Huskers during the 1954 season.—D.H.D.

Prairie View Named For Negro Classic

Currently undefeated and untied Prairie View College of Texas was named Saturday as the opponent for undefeated and untied Florida A & M University in the 22nd annual Orange Blossom Classic, Saturday night, Dec. 5, at Miami's Orange Bowl.

This announcement was made by W. J. Nicks, athletic director and head coach at Prairie View and Alonzo (Jake) Gaither, athletic director and head coach of Florida A&M. Friday.

Florida A&M is defending national Negro college champions according to ratings of the Pittsburgh Courier, recognized as the major rating system for the nation's Negro college football squads.

Both Florida A&M and the Prairie View Panthers have won six straight games this season.

Today, Prairie View tackles Texas College, and Florida A&M goes up against the strong North Carolina A&T eleven. In the season opener at Jacksonville, Florida A&M smacked Texas College, the Panthers' foe this afternoon, 33-0.

After today's games, the Texans must tangle with Langston College and Southern University, and Florida A&M will be called upon to clash with Allen University and Southern University. In six games thus far, the Florida gridders have rolled up 229 points against seven for the opposition to rate as the highest scoring team in nation. The Prairie View eleven has the best defensive unit for goal line protection.

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Recalls Marvelous Grid Greatness of Slain Ex-Wiley College Football Star

By U. G. LEE

TYLER, Tex. — The untimely passing of Elza "Tip" O'Dell, Gary, Ind., detective who was felled by a hoodlum's burst of bullets a few days ago, brought back memories of one of the greatest football heroes in Southwest Conference history. The likeable care free O'Dell rocketed across the Southwest skies in 1930-31-32 and 33, writing his name in gridiron history with an indelible etching that neither the sands of time nor the titanic efforts of football heores that come before and after can erase from the minds of those who watched his almost superman antics on the playing field.

Great From Start

O'Dell entered Wiley college late in September in 1930 fresh out of Froeble high of Gary. The big, good-looking 205 pound athlete of solid sinew took charge of the situation on his first day's practice and never for a monent did he relinquish the spotlight during his four years of competition in the Purple and White of the Wildcats.

Over a four year period that O'Dell saw action at the Marshall institution, Wiley won two Southwest Conference championships, one national title and shared co-championship with Langston and Prairie View.

Southern had its Odie Posey, Texas College's Myles Anderson was a great performer, Paul Quinn had Ray Sheppard, Prairie View's "Hippo" Hopkins is immortal, Langston's John Williams cannot be forgotten, Ben Cavil is a legend at Wiley, as is Pythias Russ at Sam Huston, but none of the above mentioned greats ever packed the spectators appeal of O'Dell.

Over-Shadows Backs

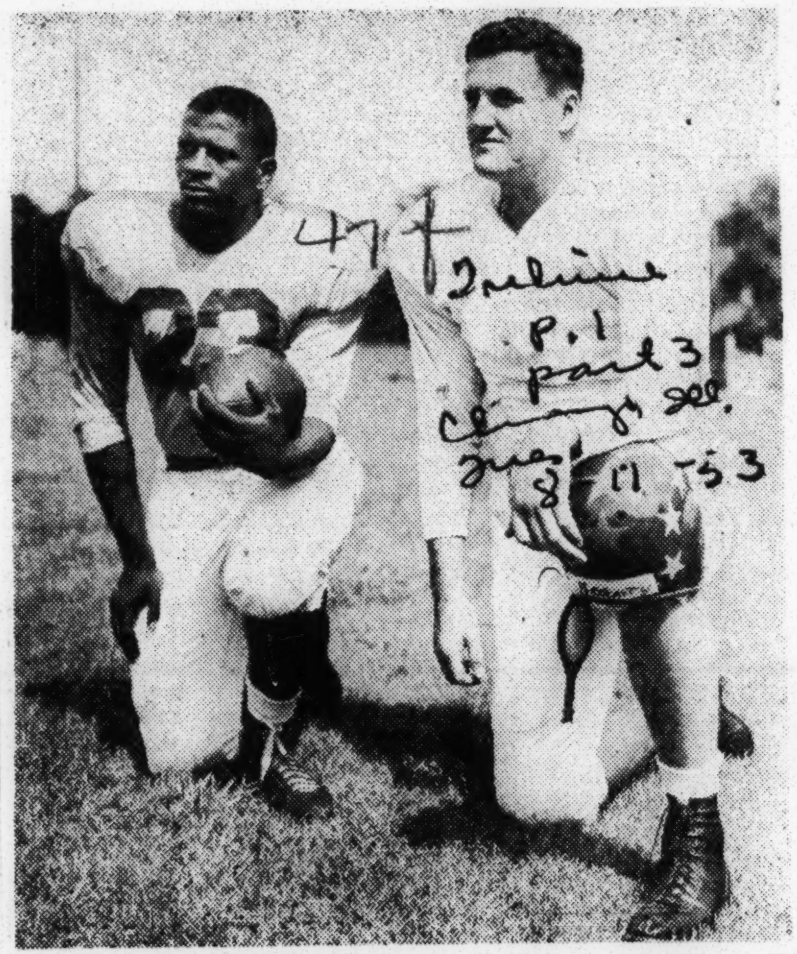
The Gary hustler always came through in the clutch and completely overshadowed three of the best backs ever produced in the Southwest who were his teammates on the 1932 national championship Wiley eleven. Pat Patterson, Packinghouse Adams and Farley Lewis would have been brilliant stars on any team in conference history but they were ordinary on the same field with the sandy-haired muscle man.

That year Langston led Wiley 8-0 at half time but two brilliant scampers of 82 and 73 yards by the Tipper sunk Zip Gayles' charges 13-8. Texas College under Mumford stood high in the conference but a 60 yard gallop for the touchdown and the extra point and a 30 yard field goal, all by O'Dell, sunk the Steers 10-0. His 18 yard field goal and his tackle of the long distance punting Sanders Williams behind the Fisk goal whipped the Bulldogs 5-0.

Beat Ky-State

In 1933 Kentucky State, then a power under Henry Kean, felt the sting of the big Wildcat when he turned a 12-6 Thorobred lead in to a 13-12 Wiley victory with an 18 yard scoring run and a perfect placement for the extra point. The same year his 22 yard field goal again beat Texas College 3-0. And so the story runs of these and many more Herculean efforts of O'Dell in his four years in the Southwest Conference.

Even in the gun battle that brought about his demise, the "King of Seden," one of the many nicknames he had during his college days, showed the fight and determination that made him a gridiron hero. Lying on the floor after being shot five times, he kept blazing away to shoot down his assailant. "The King is dead. long live the "King."



State of Pennsylvania will be well represented by Penn's Ed Bell (left) and Paul Hegarty of Villanova in College All-Stars' lineup against Detroit Lions, National Professional Football league champs, in Soldiers' field Friday night. [TRIBUNE Photos]

Missile Man Hits Mark; Is All-Star

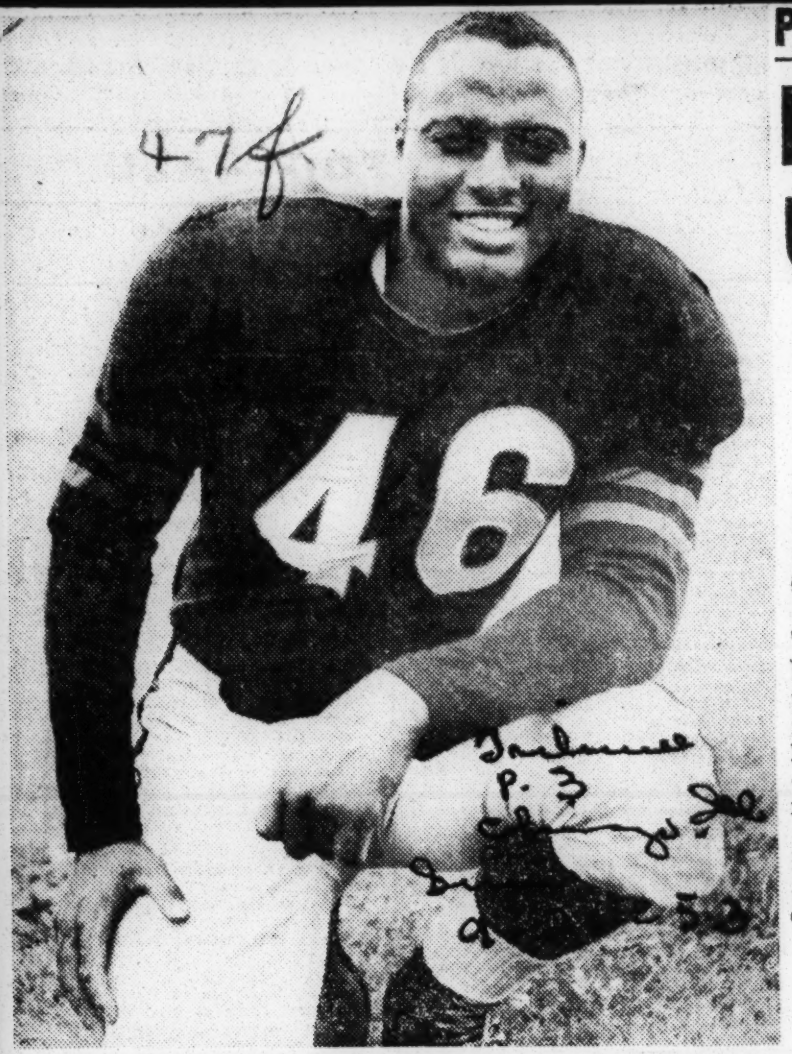
BY DAVID CONDON

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Aug. 5— The Philadelphia postman carried a message of disappointment that day last winter when he slipped a letter to Edward B. Bell of the football playing Bells. The letter was from Ed's rich uncle, a bewhiskered old gent who offered the 22 year old Negro a monthly allowance, good but oversized clothing, and all the ammunition he could shoot.

Ed Bell

No one has been known to turn handsprings at receipt of one of Uncle Sam's greetings, but Ed was happy to do his duty. The disappointment came when he concluded this meant no chance to fulfill a long ambition to play in the All-Star football game.

"You see," explained the 6 foot 1 inch, double duty Pennsylvania end, "in the Ivy league we don't play in post-season games. So our boys aim for the big one—the All-Stars against the pros. Most of the boys with me dreamed of this all thru their college careers. But I had a head start. I had been dreaming about it since high school."



Billy Anderson, who played his collegiate football at Compton college in California, is a new half back with the Bears. The fans will see plenty of him this season, judging by reports on his early training. Billy's dad is known as Rochester, Jack Benny's valet on radio and TV.

Purdue Not Represented

Nine of the Big Ten Schools Are Using Negro Football Talent

By WILL ROBINSON

The Big Ten, long recognized as collegiate football's toughest conference, is three-deep in tan talent this fall with 33 beige gridders listed on nine of the ten school squads—only Purdue is the lone absentee. Negro players will play a vital role in the individual team success at Michigan State, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, Ohio State, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Northwestern.

Michigan State, defending national champion, has the largest representation with eight tan gridders. The Spartans, in a history-making campaign, are starting their first official season in the Western Conference after gaining a berth in this powerful organization five years ago. State started the season against Iowa with a 24-game victory skein intact dating back to 1950, currently the longest unbeaten and untied record in college football.

The Spartans are a co-favorite with Ohio State to win the Big Ten championship in their first try, and the title carries with it a berth in the Bowl against the Pacific Coast champion on New Year's Day.

Illinois, perennially a strong title contender, is second in number of beige boys with seven. Iowa ranks third with six, Michigan has four, Indiana, three; Ohio State, two; Minnesota, Wisconsin and Northwestern, one each.

This talent is distributed at nine of the eleven positions, with a heavy majority assigned to halfback, the spectacular ball-carrying role. The two position exceptions are quarterback and center.

A complete rundown of the player personnel as follows: ENDS: Ellis Duckett (Michigan State), John Lewis (Michigan State), Jim Hinesly (Michigan State), Frank Gilliam (Iowa), Nate Borden (Indiana). TACKLES: Alonzo Smith (Minnesota), Embry Robinson (Michigan State), Floyd McAfee (Illinois), Art Walker (Michigan), Conney Kimbo (Indiana). FULLBACKS: Earl Johnson (Michigan), Dave Hill (Michigan), Charles Thomas (Wisconsin), Dick Watkins (Ohio State), Jack Gibbs (Ohio State). HALFBACKS: Paul Smith (Northwestern), Leroy Bolden (Michigan State), Jim Ellis (Michigan State), Travis Buggs (Michigan State), Bobby Stearnes (Iowa), Earl Smith (Iowa), Eddie Vincent (Iowa), Austin Duke (Illinois), Hugh Woodson (Illinois), Mickey Bates (Illinois), Bernard Bryant (Illinois), J. C. Caroline (Illinois), Willie Williams (Illinois). Tom Hendricks (Michigan) and Dave Rogers (Indiana).

Illini's Tan Football Stars Called Regular Guys in Spite of Their Fame

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — (NNPA) — Two of the football stars at the University of Illinois are just regular weekday students at the university, despite their sudden fame.

"Both Quiet Boys"

J. C. Caroline, Illinois left half back from Columbia, S. C., and Mickey Bates, right half back from Kewanee, Ill., are "both quiet boys," according to Chuck Flynn, the university's sports publicity director.

Coach Ray Eliot is wary of the danger to morale when one or two players receive top heavy publicity but some of the football experts who have watched Caroline and Bates in action rate them as the greatest collegiate combination since Army's Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis.

Both of the sophomores praised highly the wonderful support they got from their teammates.

"They really put out on blocking," said Caroline, whose initials, J. C., stands for the name of his father, James Caroline.

Caroline is almost as broad shouldered as Bates and sports a thin mustache. He looked very snappy in a sports outfit.

Caroline Gives Credit

Caroline credits the owner of a minor league baseball club and two sports writers for his entering the University of Illinois.

"Bill McCarthy, head of the Columbia team in the Sally league, and two sports writers there, Ray Benson and Jake Penland, asked me if I'd like to go to Illinois," said Caroline.

"I hadn't thought about going there, but had always admired Buddy Young, although I'd never seen him play. They wrote to Illinois and helped get me here."

Both Caroline and Bates are majoring in physical education and are described by Coach Eliot as industrious students.

Bates, 200-pound half back, said Illinois' victory this year over Ohio State was his biggest thrill.

"People around town, including some students, razzed us before the game, telling us there was no use showing up against Ohio State," said Mickey. "But I guess we showed 'em."

Mother Against Game

Bates' father, Ernest Bates, operates a barber shop in Kewanee. He saw Mickey in the Minnesota game. "I had to talk my mother out of it to play football," said Mickey. "Even if I get hurt I never admit it to her."

"The only college I considered was Iowa," said Mickey.

"Despite his spectacular performance on the gridiron, Mickey's first love is baseball. He plays first base and centerfield. Caroline also excels in baseball as a second baseman and outfielder.

Flynn believes that Caroline and Bates have given the entire Illini squad a life.

"They're making the linemen work harder," he said. "The boys down front know if they do a good job, either Caroline or Bates is liable to go all the way. This has caused the line to play inspirational football.

"They complement each other perfectly. Bates for the short yardage, Caroline for the long run."

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PENN'S ED BELL JOINS CORPS OF ALL-STAR ENDS

BY GEORGE STRICKLER

Pvt. Edward B. Bell, who might have been a musician, wanted to be a doctor and eventually will practice law, became a College All-Star yesterday.

Edward Bell

The University of Pennsylvania's big game saver and No. 1 defensive end on THE TRIBUNE'S 1952 all-players' All-American, notified All-Star headquarters his tour of summer army duty will end in time for him to play against the Detroit Lions in Soldiers' field on the night of Aug. 114. Bell is stationed at Fort Monmouth in New Jersey with a student company.

Bell's record at Pennsylvania embraces some of the most colorful chapters in Quaker gridiron history. He caught the 65 yard pass that enabled Penn to tie Notre Dame, 7 to 7, last fall, then preserved the tie by compelling Johnny Lattner to fumble after the Irish star had caught a dangerous last minute pass from Ralph Gugliemi.

Repelled 2 Navy Bids

At Annapolis, where they called him Penn's Black Fury, the middies remember with pardonable chagrin how he single handedly repelled two Navy bids for victory, first when he came across the field to dump Dean Smith, the Navy's sprinter, at the end of a 50 yard run around the opposite end and, secondly, when he blocked Navy's field goal attempt.

Dartmouth rooters still are attempting to discover some plausible explanation of how Bell managed to get back to deep safety from his end position to make a spectacular one handed interception of a last minute pass that appeared destined to tie the score and save the Indians from defeat.

Changes to Law

In the life of Eddie Bell, however, unusual episodes are routine. At 10 Eddie suffered a ruptured appendix. In the hospital, he made up his mind to be a surgeon. After finishing high school in Philadelphia, he enrolled at Penn as a pre-medic, and arranged to marry a nurse. But in his sofomore year, he decided he was better equipped for law and switched courses. One brother, Herman M. Jr., is deputy attorney general of New Jersey, and another, Robert, is a Philadelphia lawyer. The plan now is for the three to open an office.

Six feet 1, and 205 pounds, Bell is well equipped physically for the numerous chores Penn coaches have assigned him during his three years of varsity competition. These include 60 minute assignments, playing offense and defense at either end, and occasionally backing up the line, as he did the day Pennsylvania snapped Princeton's 24 game winning streak.

Has Ability to Relax

The secret of his success, say the Penn coaches, is his ability to relax. In fact, he is the most relaxed athlete they have seen around Penn for 15 years. As an offensive player, scouts watching Penn say he has the faking talent of Ken Kavanaugh, the speed of Mac Speedie, and the niftiness of George McAfee.

"Well, at least they didn't compare me to Don Hutson," says Bell, a modest chap.

Music might have been his forte, had he not found the action on corner lots with neighborhood teams more exciting than the long hours of practice at a piano or a fiddle. His leisure time he spends listening to classical selections, a facet of culture in which he is something of an amateur authority.

Must Adjust Vision

It will make no difference to Bell where Coach Bobby Dodd plays him on the All-Star squad. But if it's offense, Bell will have to be warmed up properly to see the ball. He has 20-20 vision, and once he tried to play with contact lenses. But he discovered he did better without artificial aid so long as he caught passes for 10 minutes before the game to adjust his eyes.

"I see the ball all right," he explains. "In fact, I see it too well. That's my trouble. I see it in front of me before it's there. So I make pre-game adjustments."

Buddy scores TD as team bows, 10-7

Willie Irvin stars on defense for victorious Philly Eagles

By Staff Correspondent

NORFOLK, Va — Despite losing their first essay after reinstatement in the National Football league, the Baltimore Colts showed here Saturday night that they must be reckoned with when the championship season gets under way next month.

The Colts dropped a Christmas Joy Fund benefit exhibition to the heavily favored Philadelphia Eagles by the margin of a lone field goal, 10-7, as upward of 12,000 perspiring fans watched at Foreman field.

And to make things more interesting for their large segment of rooters the revamped Maryland Entry held the leads over their more experience rivals for a good part of the contest.

Young Scores

The advantage, a 7-3 spread, was set up when Buddy Young, the Colts' explosive halfback, catapulted over for a second-quarter touchdown.

Young's score came a few minutes after Bobby Walston had booted the Eagles into the van with a 42-yard field goal.

Two other potenial Colt tallies were choked off by Willie Irvin, Phaldelphia's tan rookie rom Florida A and M college. rvin twice intercepted Baltinore passes at the height of erious to bids.

Runs 54 Yards

The first of these came at the Eagle 15-yard line after Buddy had thrilled the crowd with a 54-yards return to the initial Philly punt, taking the ball on his own and racing with it to the Eagle 17.

Two plays later, Irvin reached up and hauled in a pass meant for Tom Kean and the threat was over.

The Eagles put over the deciding marker in the third period on the end of a sustained aerial drive in which Adrian Burke frequently used Ralph Godston and Don Stevens as targets.

Irvin Stands Out

Again in the fourth quarter, when the Baltimoreans were furiously trying to over haul the Eagles, Irvin intercepted a toss to snuff out a rally. This time the long-limbed ex-Rattler snared the ball on his own 34, to dash Colt hopes that had been raised when Gino Marchetti had recovered a fumble by Stevens on the 38.

Stephens and Ralph Goldston tan twins of the Egales backfield, contributed much to the ground assaults of the winners—though their efforts may have been slightly overshadowed by the defensive work of Irvin.

In addition to Young's fine work on offense, George Taliaferro showed good form, thrice reeling off good gains while running from Coach Keith Molesworth's "Straight" formations.

Neither team, incidentally, showed an inclination to employ its more intricate patterns.

At one point, Molesworth had three tan ball carriers working with ex-Notre Damer quarterback Bobby Williams.

Young and Taliaferro were joined by former Morgan State star George Rooks in the third period. His first time with the ball. Rooks carried for a 5-yard gain.

Buddy's touchdown was achieved on a 2-yard crossbuck after Taliaferro had planted the bal lon the 2 with a bust up the middle.

Another ex-Morganite, Charley Robinson was brilliant as a middle guard and linebacker for the Monumentals, aswas Mel Em- as defensive halfback.
as defensive halfback. — SAM LACY.

Daytona College Favored

Having yielded only one touchdown this season, Bethune-Cookman College of Daytona Beach, the team which last year upset the Florida A & M Rattlers, makes its Orange Bowl debut tonight against an improving Benedict college eleven from Columbia, S.C.

Bethune-Cookman has compiled a 1-1-1 record in three 1953 outings. The scrappy Wildcats opened the season with a 36-7 victory over Lane College of Jackson, Tenn., then journeyed to Waco, Texas, where they dropped a 7-0 decision to Paul Quinn College.

Last week in a muddy Gator Bowl battle, the Floridians played Morris Brown of Atlanta to a scoreless tie.

Despite the fact that Coach Bunky Matthews lost 17 lettermen, the Wildcats represent the biggest threat to the Rattlers for the 1953 SIA Conference title.

Although Bethune-Cookman will rule a one-touchdown favorite over Benedict tonight, the Tigers will be far from a pushover. Benedict was beaten by Morris Brown, 7-0, in its opener and was trounced 45-0 two weeks ago by Florida A & M.

However, last week Coach William Jackson's squad found its scoring punch and flattened well regarded Knoxville, 27-0.

Bethune-Cookman's ground attack is centered around its big line-crashing fullback, Clyde Sanders, a 210-pound speedster known as The Bulldozer. The DeLand senior is a candidate for all-America Negro honors.

Sharing the ball-carrying chores with Sanders are two light, fleet halfbacks—Matthew Bethel of Orlando and Henry Daniels of Jacksonville.

When the Wildcats take to the air the passing duties fall to quarterback Moses Poole of Jacksonville.

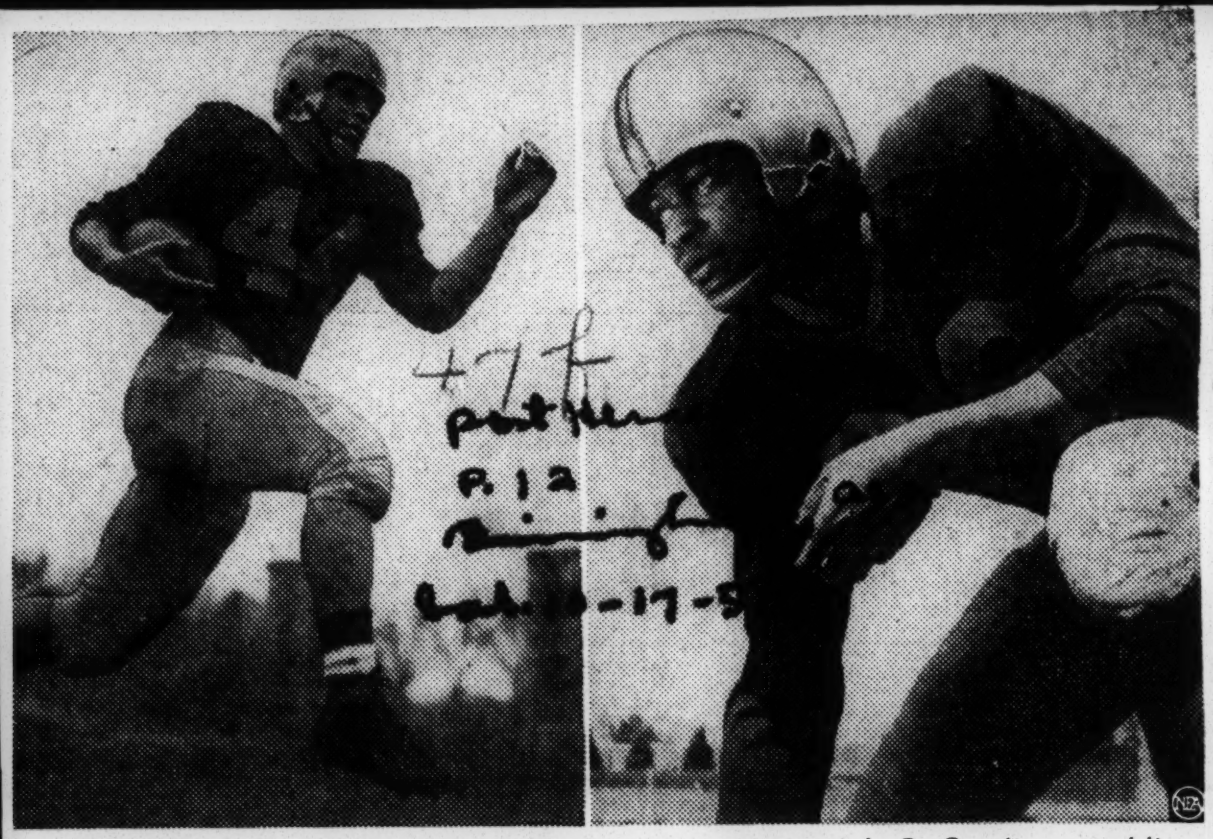
Chief targets for Poole's aerial thunderbolts are ends Wilbert Owens of Denison, Tex., and Lloyd Johnson of Delray Beach.

Harold Smith of Orlando and Matthew Hill of Cartersville, Ga., will be at the tackle posts with Bruce Butler of Lakeland and Clifford Perkins of Ft. Myers at guards.

Lightest man in the heavy Wildcat line is center Charles Dent, 173, of Ft. Pierce.

The Tiger attack is built around quarterback Parnell Jones. Leroy DeBoard and Leroy Huff are the breakaway halfbacks while Stokes Murray handles the line-smashing details.

LEROY HUFF
... Benedict bruiser



IN AND OUT—Mickey Bates, left, hitting inside, and J. C. Caroline, rambling outside, sophomore Negro halfbacks, behind a rapidly-charging line, transformed Illinois from a supposed Big Ten second-division squad to a definite championship threat.

On Mixed Grid Front

PRINCETON, N.J. — Two sensational touchdown runs by Dick Jackson in the final quarter of a hectic ball game, gave Cornell a 26-19 decision over Princeton here Saturday afternoon.

Jackson, a sophomore from Athens, Pa., reeled off a 60-yard run for the first of Cornell's two last-quarter scores and a few minutes later added the game clincher on a spin of 62 yards.

Only colored player in the game, the 18year--old speedster handled the ball only four times all afternoon. Dick went on his first trek goalward after picking a Princeton punt out of the air at his 40-yard line. He swivel-hipped his way through the entire Tiger defense to hit pay dirt and move his team into a tie with the locals.

His second TD sprint followed a pitchout. Trapped at midfield, he squirmed loose, reversed his field and evading another bottleneck, tightroped along the sidelines to tally.

Bobby Brilliant

MADISON, Wis. — Bobby Watkins scored a touchdown and rolled up a total of 100 yards rushing before leaving the game with an injury here Saturday, as Ohio State edged Wisconsin, 20-19, in a Big Ten football clash, played before a record crowd of 52,819.

The nation's leading ground gainer paced a 57-yard, seven-play drive that netted the Buckeyes their first touchdown in the opening quarter. Later, he knifed over on a two--yard thrust to score the TD with which he was credited.

It was his marker, incidentally, that started the last-quarter rally that wiped out a 19-7 deficit for his mates.

Touchdown Twins

IOWA CITY, Ia. — Second half touchdowns by Bob Stearnes and Frank Gilliam, the latter the game - winning marker, gave Iowa a thrilling, 19-13, victory over Indiana here Saturday afternoon.

Gilliam made a fancy catch in the left corner of the end zone to complete a 24-yard scoring play from quarterback Lou Matykiewicz, in the last four minutes of the contest, thus giving the Hawkeyes the verdict before 50,129 fans. A few minutes before, white Paul Kemp tossed eight yards to Stearnes for a TD that knotted the count at 13 13.

Still another colored Iowan, halfback Eddie Vincent, had figured prominently in the 78yard drive that gave Iowa her second period score.

For the Hoosiers, end Nate Borden and halfback Dave Rogers performed notably.

FOOTBALL REGISTRY

Following are some of the lads you may see competing in mixed college games during the current football season:

COLUMBIA — Phil Benson, fullback.

CALIFORNIA — Charley Davis, Jerry Drew, halfbacks.

CORNELL — Richard Jackson, halfback.

ILLINOIS — J. C. Caroline, Mickey Bates, Hugh Woodson, halfbacks; Floyd McAtee, tackle.

INDIANA — Nate Borden, end; Dave Rogers Floyd Campbell, halfbacks.

IOWA — Frank Gilliam, end; John Hall, tackle; Calvin Jones, guard; Earl Smith, Bob Stearnes, Eddie Vincent, halfbacks.

JOHN CARROLL — Charles (Chuck) McMillan, end.

MARQUETTE — Fred Connally, halfback; Hosea Sims, end; Al Thomas, tackle.

MICHIGAN STATE — Leroy Bolden, Jim Ellis, Travis Buggs, halfbacks; Ellis Duckett, Jim Hinesly, John Lewis, ends; Embry Robinson tackle; Alvin Lee, guard.

NEBRASKA — Charley Thomas, fullback; Jon McWilliams, halfback; Sylvester Harris, end; Charley Bryant, guard.

NOTRE DAME — Dick Washington, halfback; Wayne Edmonds, tackle.

NORTHWESTERN — Paul Smith, halfback.

OHIO STATE — Bob Watkins, halfback; Jack Gibbs, end.

OREGON — Emery Barnes, end (team captain).

PITTSBURGH — Henry Ford, quarterback; Bobby Epps, fullback; Bob Grier, Chester Rice, halfbacks; Bill Adams end.

UCLA — Milt Davis, Sam Brown, halfbacks; Willie Collins, fullback; Rommie Loudd, Clarence Norris, ends; Hardy Cureton, guard.

WISCONSIN — Charles Thomas, halfback; Marty Booher, tackle.

PROFESSIONAL

BALTIMORE COLTS — Buddy Young, George Taliaferro, halfbacks; Mel Embree, end.

CHICAGO CARDINALS — Jack Spinks, halfback; George Gilchrist Jr., tackle; Willie Carter, fullback.

CHICAGO BEARS — Billy Anderson, Eddie Macon, halfbacks; Willie Thrower quarterback.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Marion Motley, Sherman Howard, fullbacks; Len Ford, Horace Gillom, ends; Bill Willis, guard.

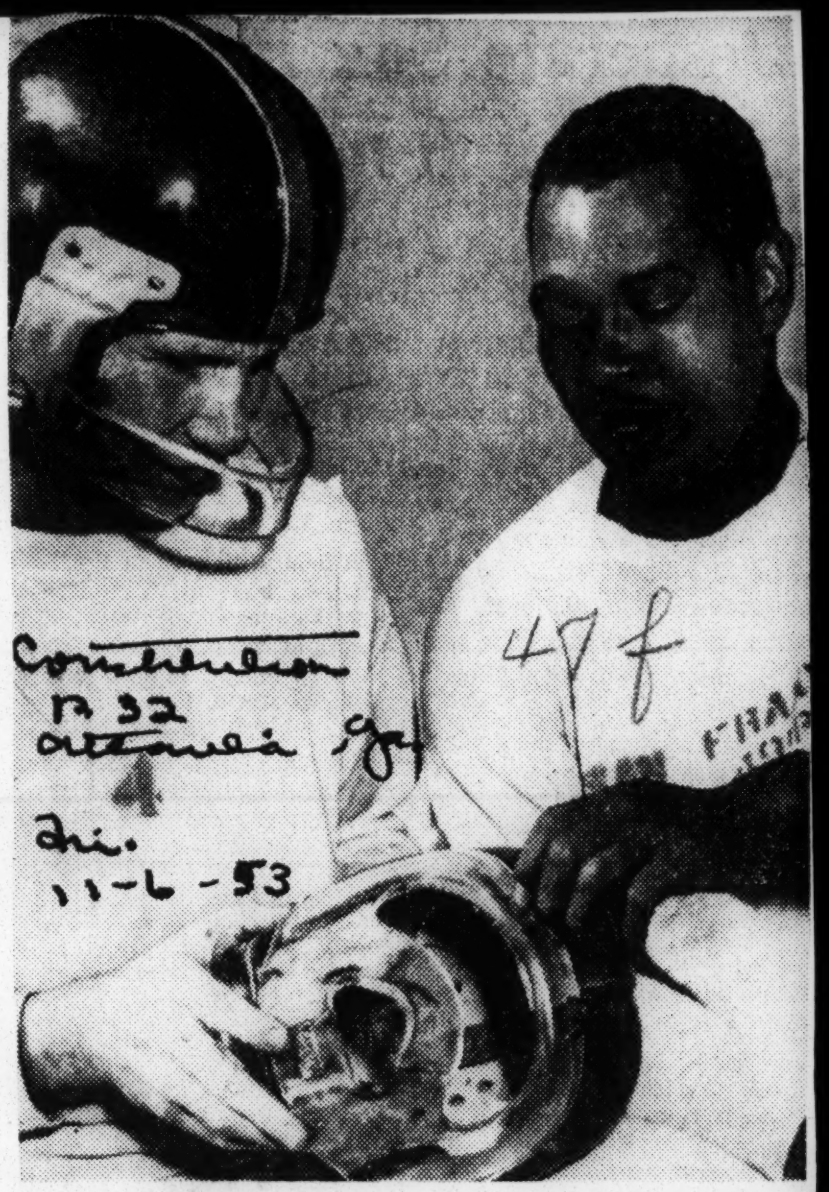
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Bob Mann, end.

LOS ANGELES RAMS—Dan Towler, fullback; Tank Younger, Woodley Lewis, Dick Lane, halfbacks; Bob Boyd, end; Harry Thompson, guard.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES —Ralph Goldston, halfback (on injured list).

NEW YORK GIANTS — Emlen Tunnell, halfback; Leo Miles, fullback; Roosevelt Brown, tackle; Cliff Anderson end.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ers — Joe Perry, fullback; Charley Powell, end.



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TITLE GETS TIP —MENLO PARK, Calif., Nov. 5—San Francisco 49er fullback Joe Perry (R), who has worn a protective mask all season, gives quarterback Y. A. Tittle some pointers. Tittle, who has a cheek-bone fracture, will lead the 49ers against the league-leading Los Angeles Rams Sunday.

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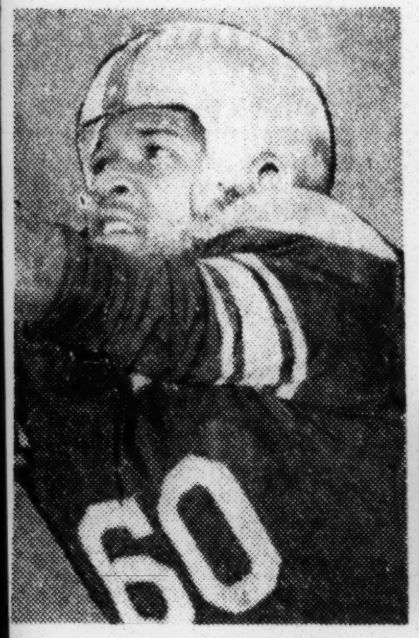

JACK McCLAREN
End
Pittsburgh Steelers

LOWELL PERRY
End
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Halfback
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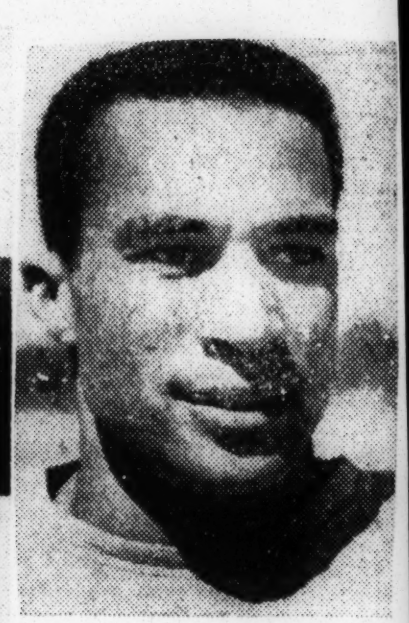

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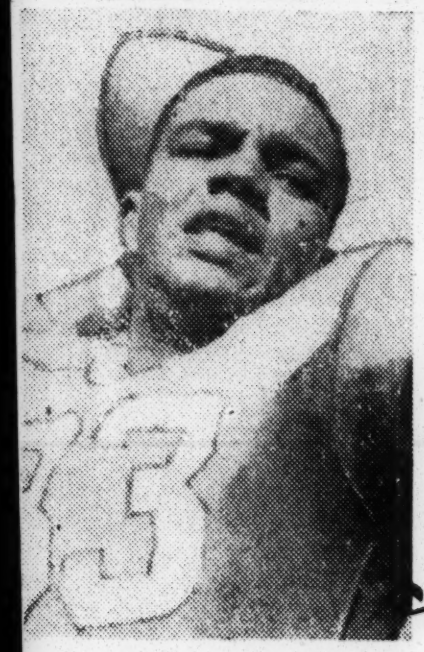
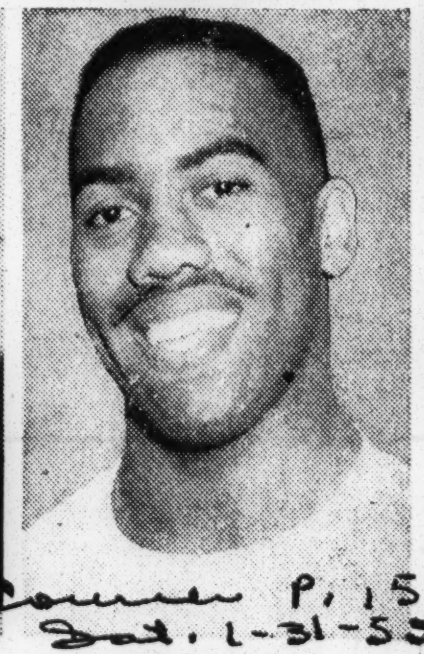
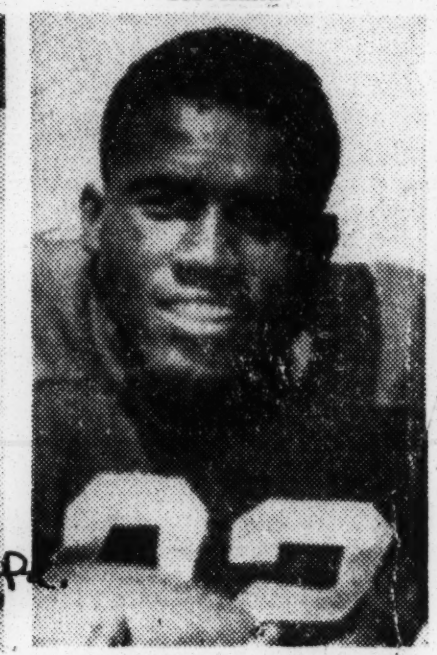


AVATUS STONE
Quarterback
Chicago Cards

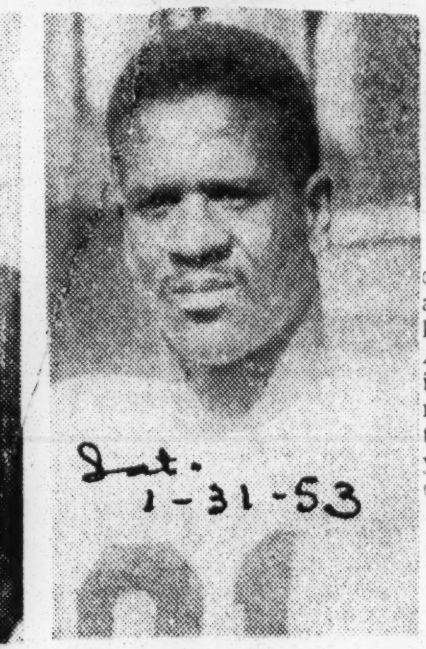


BOB EVANS
Tackle
Chicago Bears

JAMES MOORE
Halfback
Chicago Bears



JAMES BAILEY
Fullback
Detroit



EDDIE BELL
End
Philadelphia

Chi Bears Head List With Four

PHILADELPHIA — The Chicago Bears, a team whose name once spread terror throughout the professional football world, led all teams in the drafting of Negro grid stars at the annual National Professional football meeting concluded here last week, with four.

In all, fifteen Negro grid stars were selected by seven teams in the twelve-team circuit. The Philadelphia Eagles and the Pittsburgh Steelers were next in line with three draft choices each. The Cleveland Browns chose two tan performers in the draft and the Green Bay Packers, Detroit Lions and Chicago Cardinals each selected one player.

THE BIG SURPRISE at the meeting came when the Bears selected William Anderson, adopted son of comedian Eddie (Rochester) Anderson, as their first draft pick. The former Compton Junior College back was sought after by at least four clubs.

The Pittsburgh Steelers wasted little time grabbing a top-flight tan backfield performer, John Henry Anderson, hard-charging fullback from the University of Arizona, was grabbed by the Steelers in the second round. He is reputed to be one of the best backfield performers in the country last season.

Other choices included:

Chicago Bears—Bob Evans, tackle, University of Pennsylvania; James Moore, Florida A. and M., half back, and James Caldwell, tackle, Tennessee State College.

Philadelphia Eagles — Ed Bell, end, University of Pennsylvania; Bob Pollard, halfback, Penn State College, and Willie Irvin, end, Florida A. and M.

Pittsburgh Steelers — Lowell Perry, end, Michigan, and Jack McClaren, end, Bethune-Cookman.

Green Bay Packers—Ike Jones, end, UCLA.

Detroit Lions—James (Boxcar) Bailey, fullback, Miami University (Ohio).

Cleveland Browns, Eric Kuykendeol, halfback, Illinois, and James Ellis, halfback, Michigan State.

Chicago Cardinals — Avatus Stone, quarterback, Syracuse University.

Among the four tan performers from Negro schools selected at the meeting, all had been selected on the Courier's All-America team. Willie Irvin, Florida A. and M., was the only member of the group who failed to make the all-star team this year. He was a popular choice during the 1951 campaign.

GM Telecast 11 Football Games In '53

The full schedule of 11 complete college football games and parts of eight others to be televised on General Motors' TV Game of the Week series over the nation-wide NBC television network this fall was recently announced.

Arranged in cooperation with the National Collegiate Athletic association, the games will be televised over all 81 NBC stations around the nation for a 12-week period starting on Sept. 19 with the Nebraska - Oregon intersectional game. GM officials announced that they are prepared to sponsor one-station telecasts of important sellout games as they come up during the season. Such telecasts would be in addition to the full nationwide schedule.

The NCAA divides the country into eight regions and has required that the TV Game of the Week series include at least one game from each of those regions. No college football team is represented more than once in the 12-week series.

In selecting the games to be included, every attempt was made to pick those holding the greatest promise of wide public interest. These games include the California-Ohio State, Michigan-Michigan State, USC-UCLA, Army-Navy, Texas-Oklahoma and Notre Dame-Southern Methodist classics.

On two Saturdays, Oct. 24 and Nov. 7, the Game of the Week will be a panoramic telecast in which portions of four games being played in different parts of the country will be seen over the network. Each of the games involved will be covered by on-the-spot TV cameramen, and a central control NBC operator will switch the nationwide telecast from game to game as the afternoon progresses.

Sept. 19 Nebraska vs. Oregon at Lincoln, Neb. Sept. 26 Dartmouh vs. Holy Cross at Lynn, Mass.; Oct. 3 California vs. Ohio State at Berekley, Calif.; Oct. 10 Texas vs. Oklahoma at Dallas, Tex.; Oct. 17 Alabama vs. Tennessee at Birmingham, Ala.; Oct. Cornell at Princeton, N. J. Mississippi vs. Arkansas at Memphis, 24 (Panoramic): Princeton vs. Tenn. Illinois vs. Syracuse at Champaign, Ill. Iowa vs. Indiana at Iowa City, Ia.

Oct. 31 Minnesota vs. Pittsburgh, at Minneapolis, Minn.; Nov. 7 (Panoramic): Florida vs. Georgia at Jacksonville, Fla.; South Carolina vs. North Carolina at Columbia, S. C.; Northwestern vs. Wisconsin at Evanston, Ill.; Kansas vs. Kansas State at Lawrence, Kans. Nov. 14 Michigan State vs. Michigan at East Lansing, ern California vs. University of California in Los Angeles, at Los giving Day — Utah vs. Brigham Young at Salt Lake City, Utah; Nov. 28 Army vs. Navy at Philadelphia, Pa.; Dec. 5 Notre Dame vs. Southern Methodist University at South Bend, Ind.

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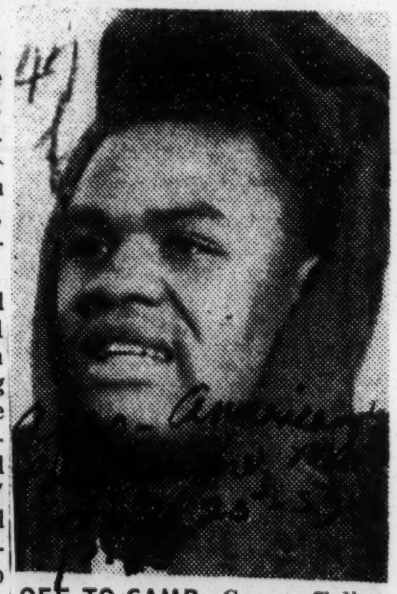
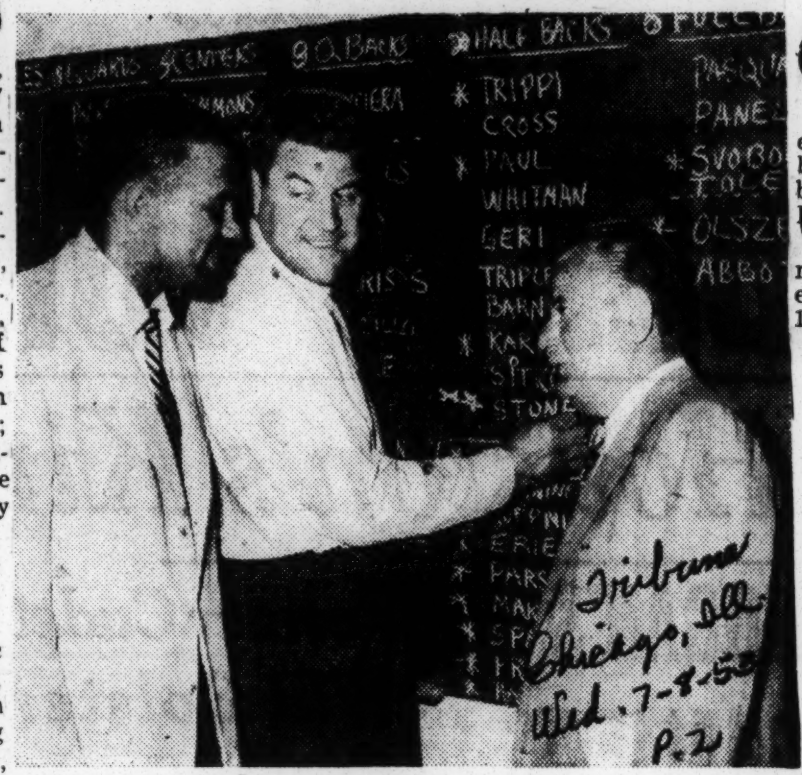
The Negro all-star baseball game known as the East-West Classic, will be played this year. Although some sports writers are asking that it be played in another city, the game will return to Chicago Sunday, Aug. 16 for the 21st time. Comiskey Park on Chicago's south side will be the scene of battle.

Stars of the West lead the series, 12 games to 8. The teams will feature the best players of the four squads in the NAL.



OFF TO CAMP—George Taliaferro, former New York Yankee and Dallas Texan halfback star, who is slated to report to training camp with the Baltimore Colts at Westminster, Md., on Wednesday. Three other tan stars are slated for work with the new National Football League eleven: Bud- dy Young, Charley Robinson and Mel Embree.

Cardinals Sign 67th Player



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Avatus Stone, Syracuse university half back, looks on as Joe Stydahar, head coach of the Cardinals, adds the name of the 19[illegible] pound, 6 foot 1 inch athlete to the club's 1953 roster. Walter Wolfner, Cardinal managing director, watches the proceedings.

CARDINALS SIGN AVATUS STONE, SYRACUSE BACK

When the Cardinals drafted Half Back Avatus Stone of Syracuse as their No. 9 choice at the annual National Football league draft meeting last winter, they were figuring on the speedy Negro athlete in their 1954 plans. However, when Stone elected to pass up his final year in competition at Syracuse in favor of either a baseball or football career, the Cardinals found themselves in an enviable position.

Stone, a catcher for Syracuse, was being sought by the St. Louis Browns and the Pittsburgh Pirates. In addition, the Toronto and Regina clubs of the Canadian league also were bidding for Stone's services.

The Cardinals finally won in the auction and yesterday signed Stone for the 1953 campaign. The signing was legal as Stone's class graduated in June, altho the 22 year old Negro half back needs another half year of college to get his degree. Stone elected to finish out his college studies, after and before the football season.

Stone, 6 foot 1 inch, 195 pounder, sprang into prominence during the 1951 season, which was climaxed when he was named to THE TRIBUNE'S All-Player All-American first defensive team.

Marquette banks on 2 tan stars

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Forty-eight varsity candidates have been invited out for fall football practice by Coach Lisle Blackbourn at Marquette U.

Included in the group are 25 returning lettermen, 18 newcomers and five holdovers from the 1952 squad.

The 48-player roster is the smallest in recent years and is a reflection of the return to single platoon football.

Two outstanding tan athletes, probably the best in Marquette University's history, will be back to help the Hilltop grideers through another rough 10-game schedule which includes such powerhouses as Holy Corss, Wisconsin, Michigan State and Indiana.

Both Seniors

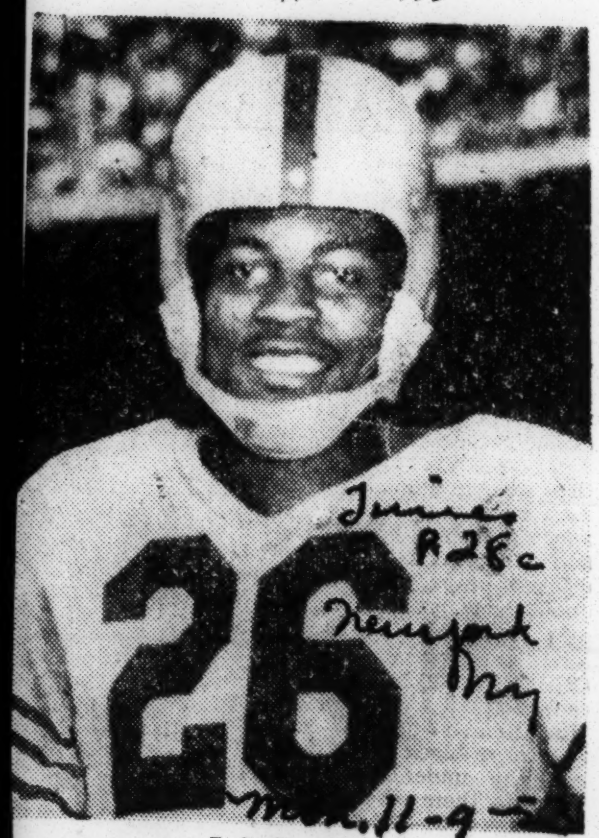
Hosea Sims, 6 feet, 1 inch, 195-pound end from Fremont, O., and Al Thomas, 6 feet, 180-pound halfback from Gary, Ind., are the two outstanding senior members returning.

Sims, a two-year standout on defense and 1952 Associated Pree honorable mention all-American, will be a certain starter at the right end post for Blackbourn's squad.

Also A Trackman

Thomas, who did not participate in the spring training program because of his duties as a member of the Marquette track team, is expected to fit into the double-duty grid system this fall.

Thomas is Central Collegiate conference indoor and outdoor spring champion with a 9.7 clocking to his credit in the 100-yard dash.



J. C. Caroline

He's cracking Red Grange's records

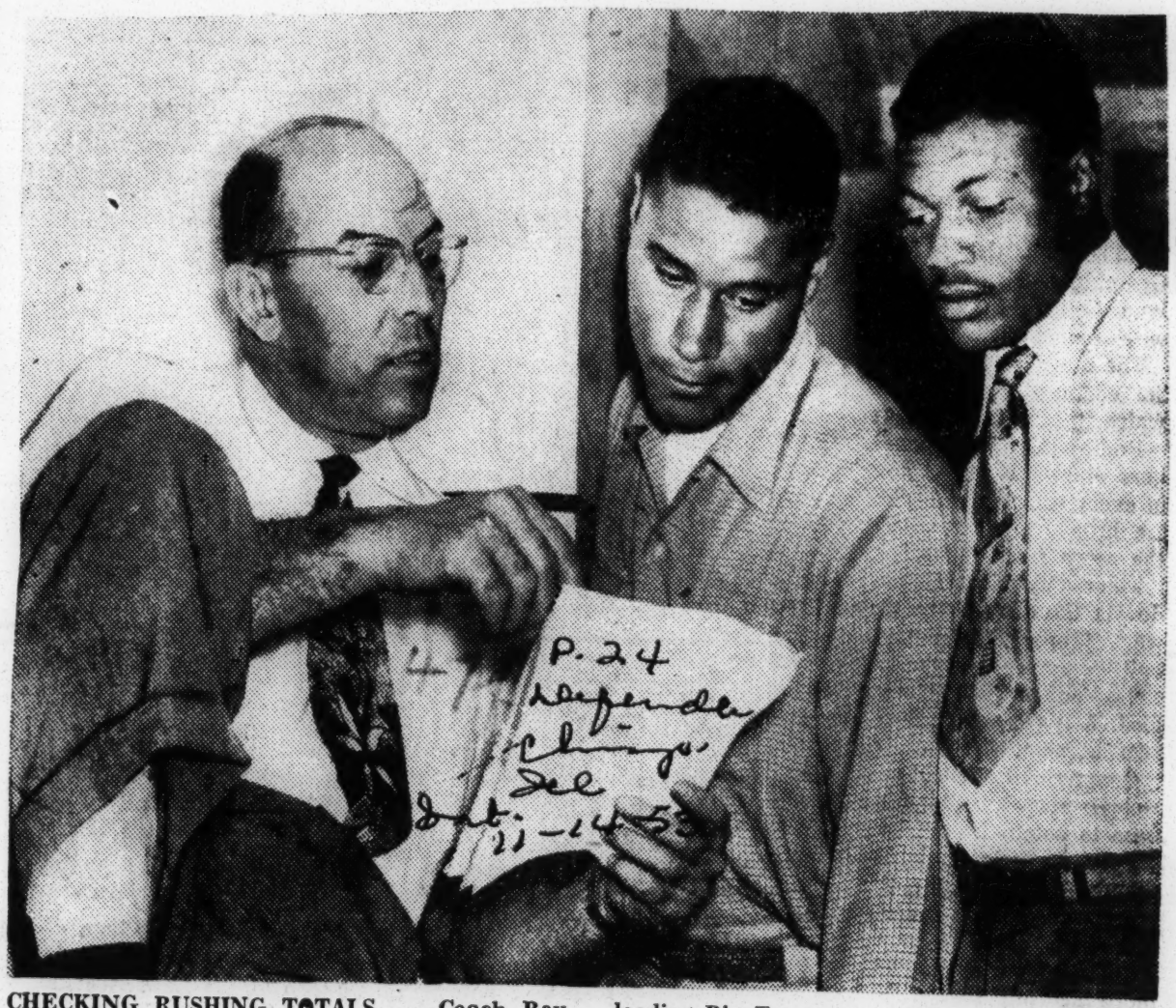
Sports of The Times

By ARTHUR DALEY

Always Room at the Top

You don't have to believe this if you don't want to. Football stars don't matriculate at colleges by accident nor are they brought there by the stork. But the folks at Illinois insist that J. C. Caroline and Mickey Bates, their two sophomore wizards from South Carolina, came to Champaign unscouted, uninvited and unknown. They've been twin sensations all year long.

Against Michigan on Saturday the fleet Caroline pushed his total gains for the season up to 1,354 yards to send him far ahead of the record of 1,260 yards compiled thirty years ago by the immortal Red Grange. At the rate he's going Caroline from Carolina eventually will sweep from the books all the marks held by the erstwhile Galloping Ghost. And Caroline, poor fellow, hasn't even a nickname.



CHECKING RUSHING TOTALS. — Coach Rey Eliot (left) outlines play Illinois hopes will score against Syracuse in home game. Listening in are Melvin "Mickey" Bates (center) right halfback, leading Big Ten scorer with 36 points, and J. C. Caroline (right), left halfback who leads Big Ten rushing and total offense with 379 yards in 45 carries for 8.8 yards average.

Caroline Cracks 29-Year-Old Record Of Grange As Illini Beat Wolves

By RUSS J. COWANS

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — J. C. Caroline, University of Illinois' 20-year-old sophomore halfback, cracked a offensive record of 29 years as the Illini defeated the University of Michigan 19-3, here before 71,119 at homecoming, Saturday.

In seven games thus far this season, three with non-conference teams, Caroline has carried the ball 155 times. He has to his credit 1,345 yards in overall action including rushes, runbacks of kick-offs, intercepted passes and punts, a mark which broke the Big Ten record of 1,260 for one season that was set by Harold "Red" Grange, the Galloping Ghost of the mid 1920s. Grange made the record in 1923.

Saturday he lugged the ball 30 times for 184 yards. He also picked up 66 yards on the return of three Michigan punts.

The 184 yards enabled him to smashed the six-game record of Alan Ameche, power fullback of Wisconsin, and just 36 yards off Ameche's seven - game record, made in 1951.

Caroline was off to a poor start, losing three yards on his second attempt, and fumbled on his third, Michigan recovering the ball. But he got started the next time Illinois got the ball, and from then on he was almost unstoppable.

Melvin Bates, Caroline's running mate in the backfield, added two touchdowns to his collection, putting him in a tie with Bobby Watkins of Ohio State, for the Big Ten leadership. Watkins, who was one ahead of Bates before Saturday, added one as Ohio lost to Michigan State, 28-13.

LeRoy Bolden paced the Michigan State team to victory picking up 128 yards in 18 carries. He made three of the Spartan's touchdowns. Ellis Duckett, Michigan State end, added another touchdown on a 15-yard pass from Quarterback Tom Yewcic.

Ed Vincent, 20-year-old sophomore, from Steubenville, Ohio, was a power as Iowa defeated Purdue, 26-0, in Lafayette, Ind., Saturday. Vincent had the longest run of the day as he scampered 55 yards to set up a third period touchdown.

Illini JC hits J. C. Caroline

Campus barbers refuse him service

URBANA, Ill.—As 71,000 football fans crowded into Memorial Stadium here last Saturday to see the strong University of Illinois eleven down the Michigan Wolverines, 19 to 3, they learned that J. C. Caroline, brilliant Illinois halfback who surpassed the yardage record of former star Buddy Young, has been the victim of racial discrimination.

Members of a self - styled "Committee to Abolish Discrimination in Barbershops," handed out leaflets headed "J. C. Caroline Thrown for Loss by Campus Barbers."

Charles Hightower, a junior from Chicago, is chairman of the committee which was organized to break down discrimination in local barbershops.

Male colored students are reputedly forced to go to one of the two colored-owned barbershops in the community.

Refused Service

The leaflet claimed that Caroline, "a potential All-American, was flatly and rudely refused service,, in a campus barbershop, because of his race." It continued:

"Here is a strange example, where Americanism is displayed on Saturday afternoons, and vicious, active discrimination during the rest of the week." The readers of the leaflets were asked to voice their protests in letters to University of Illinois officials and Illinois's Gov. William G. Stratton.

First of Big Ten Soph All-America Back Since 1923

J. C. Caroline, the first Big Ten backfield broken-field prodigy since Red Grange bolted to glory for the same Illini cause exactly thirty years ago, has been named on three of the five top All-America selections for 1953: Look magazine, Collier's magazine and the Sporting News.

As far as Caroline has gone, no back ever surpassed him in the art of fancy foot-work, faking, feinting and cake-walking. Football defense that ridded itself of the sliding, dive-tackling and relentless smashing that made it possible for the Grange type of run amok, three decades ago; instead, the modern defenders are taught every trick known for stopping the progress of a ball-carrier.

The Sporting News selection, in particular, based on a poll of 150 leading football writers, is a definite tribute to the budding ability of Caroline. Except for Buddy Young, who made several picks as a frosh speed demon, back in 1944, no Negro runner has blossomed so quickly.

If the young star improves one whit, as a junior, he will occupy a niche which has not been attained by any back of history. He will leave even the Grange, Pollard, Cagle, Matson, Killinger, Casey, Mahan, Glenn Davis and Gipp legends far behind—as the greatest carrier that ever pulled on a cleated shoe.

He is the first Big Ten sophomore halfback so genuinely honored since the "Galloping Ghost" was streaking across Western Conference greenswards. Actually, when weighed with the greatest Negro backs of history, Caroline, appears to have cut for himself a special niche in the Hall of Fame.

Ever since Fritz Pollard blurred from Brown University, thirty-eight years ago, Negro fans have been waiting for a meteor to again streak across the football firmament, as an unchallenged, unequalled All-American ball-packer. Caroline, a sophomore with a future, seems to excell even the matchless Pollard in this particular.

Pollard was a crusty senior, back there in 1916, when his name struck terror in the hearts of Harvard and Yale upperdogs. Right down the years, since that time, the names of Charley West, Ozzie Simmons, Buddy Young, Ollie Matson, Kenny Washington, George Taliaferro, Jackie Robinson have flamed across the sports pages of the nation. Yet, none of them ever captivated the writers like Pollard once did.

Caroline is already ahead of the Pollard pace, if for no other reason than that he has excelled the sophomore, junior or senior record of Grange . . . the supposed all-time ball-carrier of this, or any other epoch. . . .

The Caroline youngster is a ball-packing prodigy. There is no evading the fact because all of his mates on the various teams . . . the John Lattner, Paul Giel, Paul Cameron, Bernie Faloney and Bob Garrett nominees . . . are tried and true college seniors.

J. C. Caroline Named To Look Mag 1953 All-American Football Team

NEW YORK. — Speed merchant J. C. Caroline of Big Ten co-champion Illinois has been named to the 1953 Look All America by Grantland Rice and the 700-member Football Writers Association of America. The selections are announced in the Dec. 1 issue of Look Magazine.

J. C. An Illini Spark

Rice says the writers found that the boiling runs of Caroline, the Illinois sensation, provided, "the spark as coach Ray Elliot's team, unsung in September, went on to astonish the Big Ten and the nation."

"The All America we have selected for Look this year," Rice states, "constitutes an innovation. It has 22 instead of 11 two-way players, each enjoying equal first-string rank. Each position has two players. We feel we are reducing considerably the possibility of error.

"In picking the team," Rice continues, "we didn't use mirrors, cards or divining rods. We had a complete dossier on every outstanding college player in the country. The Football Writers are as conscientious and able a group as any with which I've been associated since I began writing sports, and that goes back to June, 1901. We are justifiably proud of the team.

Rice Praises Pick

"The enraged supporter of some fine players we have not included" Rice declares "may well have been a strong case, but I doubt even he will claim he can pick 22 other players from this year's crop who could beat our 22, tie them or hold them to less than a three-touchdown margin."

The Look All American will be flown to New York aboard a chartered TWA Constellation for a round of awards, public appearances and other festivities December 3 through 6. The plane left Los Angeles, California, Wednesday, Dec. 2. After picking up the All Americans at Dallas, Texas; Nashville, Tenn.; and Chicago, Ill., it will wing to New York.

The 1953 LOOK ALL-AMERICA

ENDS

Ken Buck	College of Pacific
John Carson	Georgia
Don Dohoney	Michigan State
Carlton Massey	Texas

TACKLES

Art Hunter	Notre Dame
Stanley Jones	Maryland
Ed Meadows	Duke
Jack Shanafelt	Pennsylvania

GUARDS

Milt Bohart	Washington
Ray Correll	Kentucky
Crawford Mims	Mississippi
J. D. Roberts	Oklahoma

CENTERS

Matt Hazeltine	California
Jerry Hilgenberg	Iowa

BACKS

Alan Ameche	Wisconsin
Paul Cameron	U.C.L.A.
J. C. Caroline	Illinois
Bob Garrett	Stanford
Paul Giel	Minnesota
David Johnson	Notre Dame
Jackie Parker	Mississippi State

J. C. Makes Two All-America 11s

NEW YORK.—(ANP) — Sensational J. C. Caroline may be one of the greatest sophomore football players of modern times, College statistics reveal that he has an unsurmountable lead in rushing, and announcements disclosed that he has made two all-American teams.

Caroline for the season has gained 1,256 yards on the ground for Illinois in 194 rushes. Second to him is another soph. Bobby Watkins of Ohio State. He picked up 875 yards in 153 carries. Rated 14th [illegible] recently voted the most valuable player of Michigan State, with 691 yards in 127 attempts.

Caroline was named to the first team in the United Press and the Collier's magazine All-American selections. Bolden placed on the second team of the UP list.

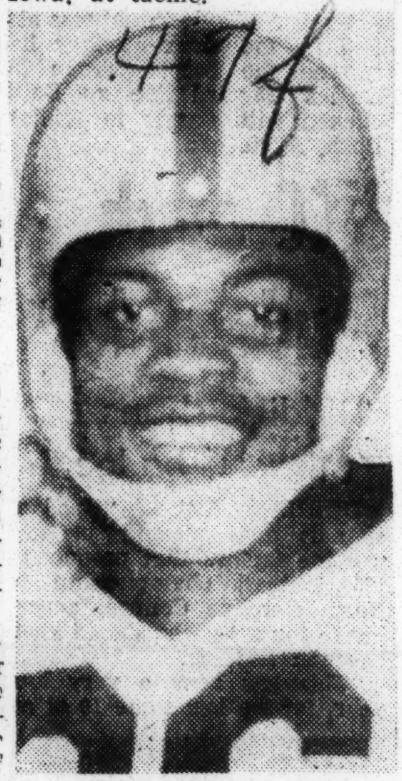
3 named to All-Big Ten

Caroline picked on All-America eleven

CHICAGO—Three colored players were named Monday to the All-Big Ten football team for 1953, and one of the trio was picked in Collier's All-America selections, the AFRO learned early this week.

In addition to his selection on the All-Big Ten and Collier's All-America football teams, J. C. Caroline, star Illinois halfback, this week was named to two other All-America elevens — Look Magazine's and that of the United Press.

Chosen for the All-Big Ten star aggregation were J. C. Caroline, of Illinois, and Leroy Bolden, of Michigan State, at halfbacks, and Calvin Jones, of Iowa, at tackle.



J. C. CAROLINE

Caroline was also named to the All-America eleven, picked annually for Collier's Magazine by the American Football Coaches Association.

The only sophomore on the team, Caroline, a six-foot, 190-pounder broke Red Grange's

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JONES

total yardage record of 1,260 for one season as early as the second Saturday in November. That includes yards on rushes, runbacks of kickoffs, intercepted passes and punts. He also broke the Big Ten conference mark for one season of 721 yards rushing, held by Alan Ameche of Wisconsin.

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In Knoxville

Negro Golf Plea Nixed

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—Because the city of Knoxville no longer operates a Municipal Golf Course, Federal Judge Robert L. Taylor last week denied four Knoxville Negroes an injunction which would have permitted them to play there.

Judge Taylor dismissed the case for $5,000 damages on grounds that racial discrimination did not enter into the city's decision last year to lease the links to Whittle Springs Golf and Country Club.

The decision leaves Knoxville Negroes absolutely no place to play golf.

Court Backs Segregated Golf Courses

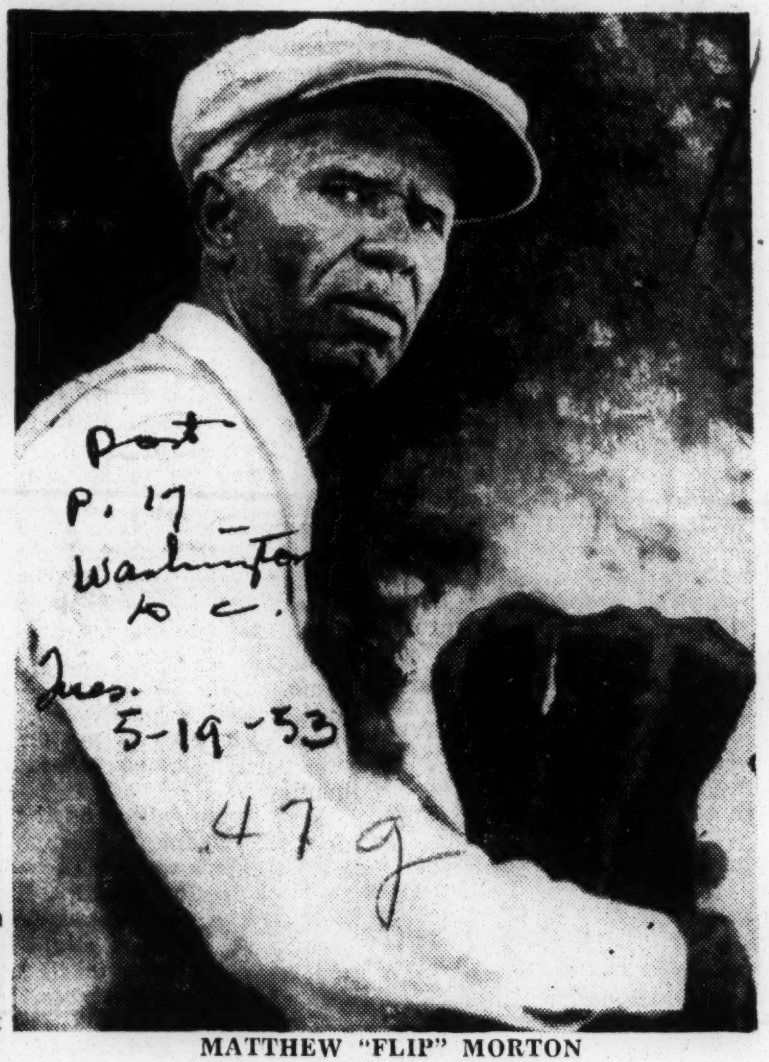
NASHVILLE—Dr. J. H. Jackson Knoxville Negroes were denied access to a municipally owned golf course in Federal District court here last week.

Judge Robert L. Taylor based his decision on grounds the city has leased the course out and no longer operates it.

The petition sought $5,000 each in damages for the four persons, who charged that since they were taxpayers, denying them use of the course was a violation of their civil rights.

—And Bobby Jones—

'Flip' Morton Has Caddied 46 Years and for 4 Presidents



MATTHEW "FLIP" MORTON
(Caddy almost half century; father of 10.)

By Dave Kelly
Post Reporter

MATTHEW "FLIP" Morton, Columbia Country Club's veteran of 46 years of caddying scratched his graying, curly head and reckoned he'd seen, "some mighty big people come and go on Washington's golf courses."

"Yes, sir," he said, "I've toted the bags of four Presidents and I don't know how many other big men since I picked up my first golf bag back in 1907."

Flip is a smoothr-skinned 61 years, and a father and grandfather 10 times over on each count.

"Sure, I work nights too at the Government Printing Office," he said. "I've ben there for 35 years. I work the night shift, from 11:30 p. m. to 8 a. m., but an old man like myself doesn't need much sleep."

He began caddying at Chevy Chase, but shifted to Columbia in 1917.

"THOSE ARE the only two places I ever worked," he said, "I don't believe in changing jobs. A man gets a bad name if he works in too many places."

Flip chuckles when he tells of how his nickname was derived.

"During World War I," he said, "we used to buy shoes made with paper soles, and after about two weeks' wear the soles would come loose and go "flip-flop," and it was then that the boys took to calling me Flip. The name stuck."

In his years as a caddy he's carried the clubs of Presidents Taft, Wilson, Harding and Franklin D. Roosevelt, who was Secretary of the Navy at the time.

"The man I enjoyed most of the great golfers was Bobby Jones. I caddied for him in the National Celebrities tournament and he was real nice to me.

"I remember a lady in the gallery asking me if I was from Atlanta," he grinned.

"I told her I wasn't, and asked why she wondered?"

"She said that I was one of the few people Bobby talked to, when he was playing golf, and she allowed I must be from near his home, because we talked a lot during the round.

"I have never had a sick day since an outbreak of the measles when I was 7 years old," he smiled.

"You might say golf has kept me healthy. My ambition is to celebrate my fiftieth year as a caddy right here on this golf course."

Fairview's 17th Tourney Draws 120 Top Golfers

By AL TAYLOR

PHILADELPHIA

Some 120 golfers competed in the 17th annual golf tournament played on the Cobbs Creek and Karakong Golf courses, last Sunday.

The competition was sponsored by the Fairview Golf Club.

The pros set a rather fast pace, with Howard Wheeler and Joshua Skelton sharing the first money with one over par 71-s.

Douglass Palmer was third at 72 and a three-way tie for fourth place included W. Hillman, W. McNeil and C. Stifford at 73s.

In Ladies Division

In the ladies division Philadelphia's Lorraine Sawyer took first prize in the first flight with an 86, second.

Third place was shared by E. Eice and A. Lucas of Wake-Robin of Washington, D.C.

Second flight winners were E. Funches of Wake-Robin; F. Ayres second and R. Morris third. Third Flight; E. Robinson, first. L. Hudson second and A. Arvin of Baltimore, Md. third.

The men amateurs were 21 holes with Quaker City Golf Club; Chick Rice winning the first flight by a playoff with William Bishop at 86s.

J. Garrett second flight R. McDaniel and J. Crawford tied at 96. R. Young was third at 97.

Third flight, J. Pugh 101; M. Roger, 102 and Freddie Johnson and Johnny Reddick tied for third at 103.

George Rivers was chairman and Randolph Green, co-chairman. Able Singleterry Fairview board member, was the color-chrome movie photographer for the classic.

Sifford Cards Atlanta World Bryant Shoots 67; Atlanta, Ga. Trails One Stroke

BY JOEL W. SMITH

Unperturbed by Atlanta's hot and humid weather, Charles Sifford, master linksman from the nation's capital and defending champion, stroked his way to a breezy par 66 Thursday to lead the professional field in the opening round of the 14th annual Southern Open Golf Tournament over the New Lincoln Golf and Country Club course.

The Washington, D C , pro was blazing on the first side, posting a brilliant three-under-par 30, then coasted home in 36 to move on top with a one stroke lead.

BRYANT CARDS 67

Trailing the defending champion with a one-over-par 67 was George Bryant, polished Atlanta stylist and pro at the New Lincoln Club Bryant also set a blistering pace on the first nine, posting a neat 32 and toured the back side in 35

Zeke Hartsfield, Atlanta; Herbert Dixon, Bartow, Fla ; Ralph Alexander and James McClure, hometown pals from Charlotte, N C , chalked up 69's to end a four-way tie for third place.

Long-driving Howard Wheeler, former Atlanta shotmaker who now calls Philadelphia home, and Acie Griggs, Birmingham pro, carded 70's and Bill Spiller, of Los Angeles, knocked in his final put for a 71.

Other low scores include:

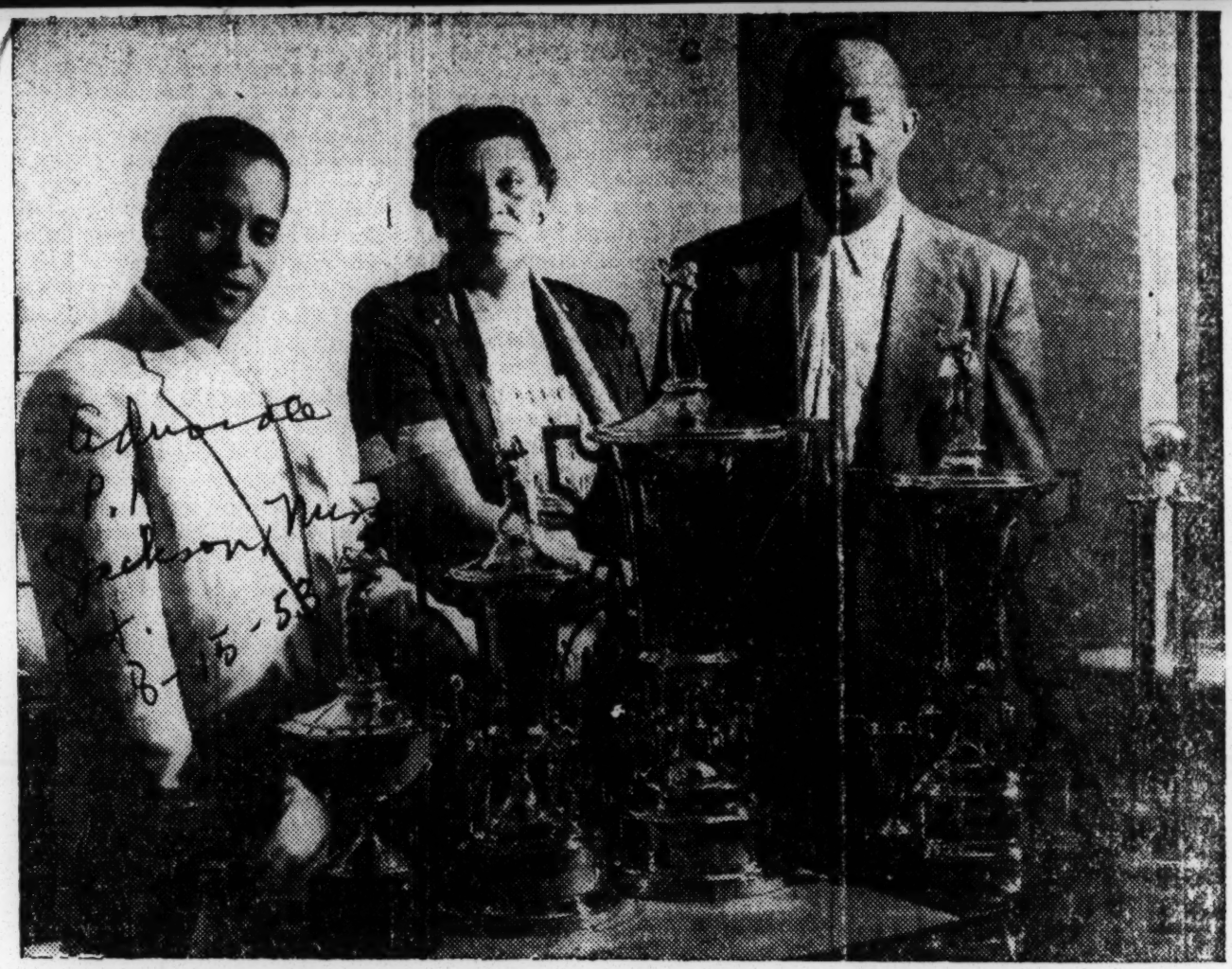
Fletcher Vaughn, Decatur, 72; B T. Blair, Chicago, 73; William Butler, Anniston, 74; Johnnie Gibson, Decatur, 74; Stokes Stalmaker, Atlanta, 75; William Hillman, Philadelphia, 75; and Robert Colquitt, Atlanta, 75

PLAY CONTINUES TODAY

Play in the professional division continues today, with the crack field taking off for the second lap of the gruelling 72-hole-medal play grind. The 36-hole finals are set for Saturday, July 4

First round scores of others professionals are as follows:

James McCain, Charlotte, 76; Noble Freeman, Atlanta, 76; James Thomas, Anniston, 76; Walter English, Anniston, 76; W Mack, Philadelphia, 76; W. E Crowley, Nashville, 76; Roscoe Sherard, Atlanta, 77; Julius Francis, Decatur, 79; George Mims, St Petersburg, Fla., 80; and Jimmy Thrasher, Atlanta, 82.



TROPHIES FOR THE UNITED GOLFERS ASSOCIATION — The major trophies for the UGA's Kansas City tournament have been donated by The Coca-Cola Company, Atlanta, Georgia. Above the six major trophies for the tournament are received by officials of UGA.

At the extreme right is Dr. Ken Brown, UGA president, who with Mrs. Paris B. Brown, center, UGA assistant national tournament director, received the trophies from Moss H. Kendrix, public relations counselor for The Coca-Cola Company, in the Washington offices of the P R man. Both of the Browns reside in Washington, Mrs. Brown being the wife of the nationally known social worker, Edgar G. Brown.

The UGA's tournament will be held at the Swope Park Golf Course, in Kansas City, Missouri, August 24-28.

In Winston-Salem, N. C.

Win Fight to Play Courier On Golf Course!

By A. M. RIVERA JR.

(Courier Staff Correspondent)

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.—The Board of Alderman of this world renowned tobacco manufacturing center bowed to the relentless pressure of a small, but determined group of Negro golfers here and ordered the Reynolds Park Commission to admit Negroes to play on the municipally owned course two days a week.

The order, which climaxed a struggle of eight months, was issued after a spokesman for the Negro golfers notified the Mayor, the city manager and the chairman of the Reynolds Park Commission that unless they were permitted to play immediately, they would seek to have the Federal courts open the course to them.

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SPORTS OF THE WORLD

By Marion E. Jackson

Atlanta World

The greedy, searing, tenacious fingers of fire have played a capricious and strange part in the history of the Southern Open Golf tournament. This truth comes to mind as golfers play in the 14th annual renewal of the links meet at the New Lincoln Golf and Country Club.

The total imperialism of fire at this facility is seven in the absence of Southern Open competition since Thursday, July 5, 1951 when Charles Sifford of Chicago, played the course with the finesse and precision of an architect in tiring a 265 to win over a starstudded field of linksmen from sixteen states.

No tournament was held in 1952. The blackout of the links show came when fire—the third in the history of the club—ravaged the beautiful and ultra-modern clubhouse.

Atlanta, Ga.

Fire's damaging onslaught first felt in 1936, then again in 1946, struck with vicious and unyielding fury December 5, 1951 and reduced the structures to ashee. As the flames died so did the Southern Open for the next summer of '52.

Now from the ashes and ground timbers has emerged a newer, finer natural hazards, splendid greens with nearby traps that boast all of the wiles and trickery of a Mata Hari.

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Gone with the wind are the smoke, water and fury that swept the interior of the clubhouse, gutted the roof, fixtures, equipment in the main auditorium, dining room and kitchen.

Missing are the stark nakedness of the forlon cement-block walls, metal frames and weather-beaten concrete floor.

Yet, throughout the vicissitudes which the New Lincoln Country Club has been subjected to during its fire-harassed years, the memories lingered on. The rich etchings of competition remained enscribed on the escutcheon of the New Lincoln course.

Through the years, since tournament competition started in 1932, celebrities have used idle moments in Atlanta to play the course. World wide warfare, the Korean police action, the Berlin Airlift disastrous fires, global unrest nor heated demonstrations for ill-fated Ethel and Julius Rosenberg have diminished the popularity of the facility.

Each fire, each destruction, each misfortune which the New Lincoln Country and Golf Course has suffered has been marked by rebuilding, expansion and determination to schedule again the Southern Open. Thus the tournament lives again today.

Credit this spirited resurgence to vision of the late James E. Ivey, who founded and formed the club's board of directors. F. A. Toomer kept this spirit alive. The present planners are equally alert and progressive.

John Brooks Dendy, Asheville, N. C., won the first professional tournament. Eddie Huggins of Atlanta won the amateur. Charles Sifford triumphed in '51. Curtis Reese shaded Joe Louis to win the amateur crown the same year. Other former winners are as follows:

FORMERS WINNERS

1932 — John Brooks Dendy, Asheville, N. C.
1933 — Howard Wheeler, Atlanta, Ga.
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1935 — John (Honey) Smith, Atlanta, Ga.
1936 — Howard Wheeler, Atlanta, Ga.
1937 — Hugh Smith, Thomaston, Ga.
1938 — Hugh Smith, Thomaston, Ga.
1939 — Zeke Hartsfield, Decatur, Ga.
1940 — to 1945 — Not Contested
1946 — Zeke Hartsfield, Decatur, Ga.
1948 — Not Contested.
1948 — Not Conteseed.
1950 — Howard Wheeler, Philadelphia, Pa.
1951 — Charles Sifford, Chicago, Ill.
1952 — Not Contested.

AMATEUR WINNERS

1932 — Eddie Huggins, Atlanta, Ga.
1933 — Dan Gifford, Nashville, Tenn.
1934 — T. R. Grimes, Atlanta, Ga.
James Minnifield, LaGrange, Ga.
Hicks Broughton, LaGrange, Ga.
1937 — James Rogers, Atlanta, Ga.
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1950 — John M. Brown, Savannah, Ga.
1951 — Curtis Reese, Atlanta
1952 — Not Contested

Negro Tourney Opens Monday

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KANSAS CITY —(AP)— The National Negro Open golf tournament comes west of the Mississippi river for the second time in history for a three-day meeting opening Monday.

Sponsored by the United Golfers Association, the 24th tournament will be played over the Swope Park course

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NEGROES SUIT HITS GOLF SEGREGATION

Permanent Injunction Sought Here In Petition Asking $15,000 Damages

An Atlanta Negro doctor and his two sons have filed a petition in Federal District Court here asking the court to declare segregation on Atlanta public golf courses unconstitutional.

The petition also asks for a permanent injunction forever restraining and enjoining the city from making any distinction on account of race in providing facilities for playing golf on public courses.

Complaint filed 6-17-53

Plaintiffs in the suit are listed as Dr. H. M. Holmes of 1520 Mozley Dr., S. W.; sons, Alfred and Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Attorneys

NAMING THE City of Atlanta, Mayor Hartsfield, George I. Simons, manager of City or Atlanta Parks, and Billy Wilson, manager of the Bobby Jones Golf Course as defendants, the suit asks for $5,000 damages for each of the plaintiffs, or $15,000 jointly.

The plaintiffs charge that on July 19, 1951, they went to the Bibby Jones Golf Course "ready, willing and able to pay all lawfull, uniform fees," and ready to comply with all lawful rules and regulations of the course. They allege that they were refused admittance by the manager of the golf course.

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Subsequently, they allege that they asked the defendants to grant them permission to play on the course with no success.

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BESIDES ASKING for $5,000 damages for each of the defendants, the petition asks the District Court to declare a city ordinance of Atlanta which prohibits Negroes from frequenting parks maintained for the use of white persons as contrary to rights guaranteed under the 14th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

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Mayor Hartsfield said Saturday that he has not been served with notice of the suit. When he is, he said, the matter will be turned over to the city attorney. Neither Mr. Simons nor Mr. Wilson could be reached for comment.

A. T. Walden, Negro attorney and counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said the suit was brought without the knowledge of the local chapter of the NAACP.

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"HOWEVER, the suit probably reflects the feeling of Negro citizens that city officials are too slow in providing golfing facilities for Negroes," he said.

More than a year ago, the city set aside $75,000 to purchase land and build a golf course for Negroes. No progress has been made on establishing a course, however, because no suitable location has been found for the course, according to city officials.

City Asks Dismissal Of Golf Course Suit

The United States District Court here was asked by the City of Atlanta Wednesday to dismiss the suit brought in July by Dr H M Holmes, Alfred and Oliver W Holmes The suit asked that the city be permanently enjoined from making any distinction on racial grounds in making available public golf facilities

The Holmes' suit asked $5,000 damages each and named as defendants George I Simmons, City Park Manager; Billy Wilson, Manager of the Bobby Jones Golf Course and Mayor William Hartsfield.

DISMISSAL PLEA

In its dismissal plea, the city stated that the matter was not in the jurisdiction of the Federal Court and that there has been no violation of the plaintiffs' civil rights according to the constitution.

The plea set forth specifically: that the amount involved $15,000, does not equal the amount necessary for Federal Court action, ($3,000 is all that is necessary); that there has been no "division of citizenship" and that the plaintiffs had not "exhausted administrative remedies."

The plea further set forth that the plaintiffs had not asked Mayor Hartsfield's permission to play golf.

The plaintiffs, in their original suit, stated that on July 19 they were refused permission to use the facilities of the Bobby Jones Golf Course. They stated that at the time they went they were "ready, willing and able to pay all lawful, uniform fees," and to comply with all lawful rules and regulations."

The course manager denied them the right to play, they stated, and the suit was filed here in the Federal District Court.

UGA Golf Trophies Valued At More Than $12,000 Go On Display In K. C.

More than $12,000 worth of golf trophies, earmarked for the sharpest shooting amateur golfers of the 27th annual Negro National Open Golf Tournament booked for Swope park course, Aug. 24-28, are currently gleaming in all their beauty in a show window at Kansas City's famous corner, 18th and Vine.

Finest Collection

Bill Mallory, ardent golfer and tournament chairman of the Heart of America Golf club, which will host the five-day links extravaganza, opined that the collection is the finest ever assembled in the history of the U.G.A.

The dazzling display has proved to be a traffic stopper at the busy intersection. Crowds gather at all hours to eye the shining cups and plaques and to marvel over their beauty.

Not unmindful of those golfers who see beauty only if it folds, the host club has provided a purse of $2,000 for them to shoot at.

Ready For Action

Final arrangements have been completed for an efficiently handled tournament, courtesy cars secured, headquarters set up at the Paseo Branch YMCA, 1824 Paseo, marshalls and other functionaries schooled and a radio relay system from field to club house established.

Radio station KPRS will make periodic broadcasts from the club house. Other local stations may also relay news of the meet to their listeners.

The 110 Engineers, local National Guard unit, will use its radio equipped jeeps to relay scores from greens to the giant scoreboard at the clubhouse.

Committees Set

All committees have completed their assignments and only await the bell, or the arrival of the first visitor, to spring into action.

"It's all up to the golfers now," said Leroy Dotty, president of the host club. "We have the table spread and the meat is on the table. Boy, we're really ready with the hospitality."

Atlantans Maintain No Rights Violated

ATLANTA, Ga.—Park officials here have filed a petition in federal district court seeking dismissal of a suit to abolish segregation on Atlanta golf courses.

The motion, filed last Wednesday, maintains that it does not appear there has been a violation of the rights of the three Negro plaintiffs under the federal Constitution and that the case is out of the jurisdiction of the federal court.

The original petition was filed by Dr. H. M. Holmes and his two sons, Alfred and Oliver Wendell Holmes, asking for a permanent injunction "forever restraining and enjoining" the city from making any distinction on account of race in providing facilities for playing golf on public courses.

The plaintiffs also asked $5,000 damages each, or $15,000 jointly, from defendants George I. Simons, city parks manager, and Billy Wilson, manager of the Bobby Jones golf course. Mayor Hartsfield is the other defendant in the case.

Dr. Holmes and his sons filed the suit after they went to the Bobby Jones golf course July 19 but were refused admittance by the manager of the course.

In the motion for dismissal of the case, the defendants contend:

1. The plaintiffs have not exhausted administrative procedures by laws of Georgia and that it "does not appear plaintiffs, or any one of them, have made application for and been refused any rights, privileges or immunity granted by the Constitution."

2. No plaintiff has made application to play golf to the "Mayor and General Council of the City of Atlanta, which body has control of the golf courses of the City of Atlanta."

3. The amount involved does not amount to $3,000, which is necessary for federal jurisdiction.

Judge Overrules Motion In City Golf Petition

United States District Judge Boyd Sloan has overruled and denied the motions filed on behalf of the City of Atlanta in an effort to dismiss the petition filed by Dr. H. M. Holmes, Alfred Holmes and Oliver Holmes seeking the right and privilege to play on golf courses owned and operated by the City of Atlanta.

The plaintiffs, through their attorneys: R. E. Thomas, Jr., E. E. Moore, Jr., and S. S. Robinson, alleged sufficient facts to constitute a cause of action and a right to the relief player for.

In this ruling, it was pointed out that the above named plaintiffs have a right to be in the Federal Court and that responsible pleadings are available to said defendants

SEEK $15,000 DAMAGES

In their suit, filed in the Federal District Court in June, the Atlanta physician and his two sons asked $15,000 damages.

The plaintiffs charged a violation of their rights under the Fourteenth Amendment and the Civil Rights statute.

The Federal Court was asked to enjoin city officials from "denying the plaintiffs or other Negroes similarly situated, permission and admission to play the game of golf upon the Bobby Jones Golf course or any other public golf provided, maintained and operated by said defendants."

Named as defendants in the action were Mayor William B. Hartsfield, George I. Simons, manager of the Atlanta Parks Department, Billy Wilson, pro at the Bobby Jones Golf Course and the City of Atlanta.

The petition sets up that there are five golf courses for whites in Atlanta. Dr. Holmes and his sons charged that they attempted to play on the Bobby Jones course on July 19, 1951, and that they were denied permission to play by Billy Wilson. Their petition alleged that Mr. Simons backed up this action on July 23, 1951

The petition further charges that "the defendants Billy Wilson and George I. Simons, and each of them did willfully and wrongfully deprive and deny to plaintiffs and each of them, their civil rights guaranteed by the Constitution and laws of the United States.

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Dorrington Is a Hot Man on Ice

Only Negro in EHL Is Outstanding With Johnstown Jets

BY BILL NUNN JR.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. — Being on ice has a tendency to cool most people off, but just the opposite is true of Art Dorrington, only Negro performer in the Eastern Hockey League.

Dorrington, playing his first season with the Johnstown Jets, is currently sending the populace of this hockey-conscious metropolis into a frenzy with his sizzling play. In fact, Dorrington has made such an impression on the folks here, they're going to honor him with an "Art Dorrington Day" on Feb. 7.

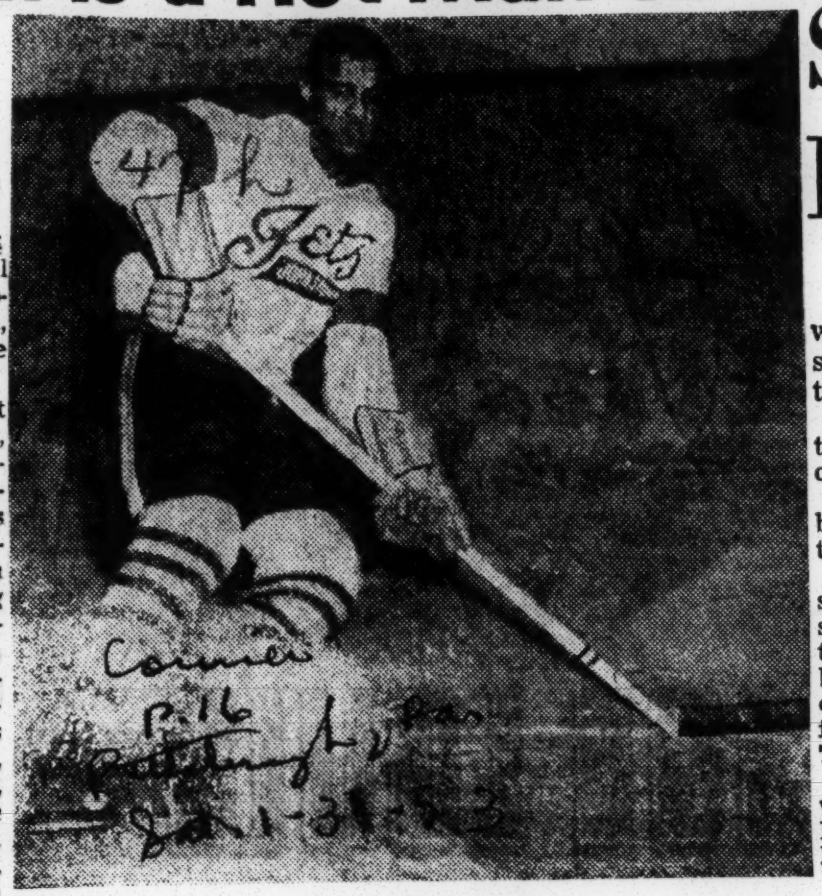
CERTAINLY, if a guy ever deserved recognition for outstanding athletic accomplishment, it's the Nova Scotia-born youngster. Since joining the Jets in October, Dorrington has been one of the key men in the team's attack, performing brilliantly on offense. To date, the fast-flying wingman has accounted for 28 points for the Jets—14 coming on goals and 14 on assists.

Despite his speed on the ice, Dorrington has spent relatively short time in the penalty box. To date, he has been out of action only nineteen minutes because of penalties—a short time when you consider the roughness involved in the game today.

Dorrington, as might be expected in a sports where few Negroes excel, is the only tan performer in the entire EHL. This, however, is nothing new for the muscular, 22-year-old youth.

"During most of my years in hockey I've come in contact with very few Negroes. There's not too much opportunity for boys in the States to take up the game and in Canada the Negro population is very limited," he said.

Dorrington first cracked the EHL scene three years ago while playing with Milford, Conn. At the time Art was practicing in Madison Square Garden when his agility on the ice caught the eye of scouts with the New York Rangers.



ART DORRINGTON

. . . Johnstown's flying wingman

In short order the Rangers recognized Art's potential and arranged with him to join their farm club in Atlantic City.

DORRINGTON FINISHED the 1950-51 season with the Gulls. Over the season he scored 36 points and then moved on to New Haven during the beginning of the 1951-52 campaign. Before the season was ended Art had performed with Washington and Boston.

Boston folded at the end of last season and their players were sent to Washington. Art was the property of Washington when the Jets traded one of their all-star defense men, Larry Archambault, for the up-and-coming youngster. They haven't spent a day regretting the deal.

Dorrington, who was born in Truro, Nova Scotia, is married to an Atlantic City school teacher. That's where Art makes his home during the off season and he says that once he takes out citizenship papers in this country, he plans to reside there permanently.

During the summer the muscular athlete spends a good part of his time playing baseball. At one time he played in Class D of the Pony League in Canada.

Stars Will Seek Revenge In Johnstown Tilt Tonight

By JIMMY BROWN

Louisville's Stars will try to avenge their worst loss of the International Hockey League season when they meet Johnstown's Jets at 8:30 tonight at the Armory.

Early in the season on their first eastern swing, the Stars went into the Pennsylvania city and came out a battered and bruised 12-3 loser.

That represents the biggest margin of victory by any team against the Stars this season, although twice they've been blanked by 7-0 scores.

The Stars, now with a record of four wins and seven defeats meets one of the league's first-division teams in the strong Jets. The Jets, who won the Eastern Hockey League pennant last season before it was disbanded this year, have a record of six victories, three losses and a tie. They are fourth in the I.H.L. behind Toledo, Cincinnati and Troy.

The Jets, however, showed their power last week with a 5-4 victory over the first-place Toledo Mercurys. Their other venture last week saw them lose to third-place Troy 10-7.

Meanwhile, the Stars last week were bettering their season record by winning three straight, beating Milwaukee twice and Grand Rapids once before losing Sunday to Cincinnati.

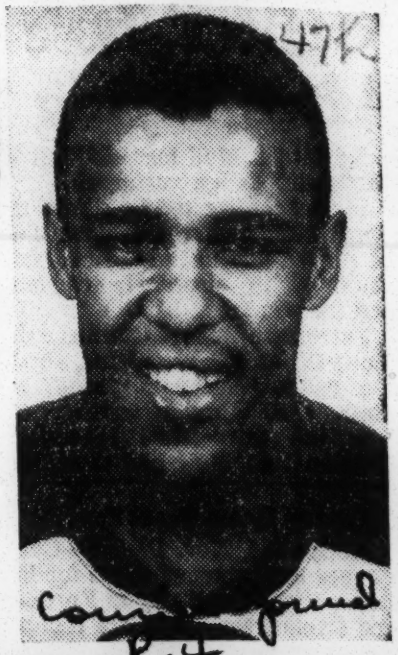
Sunday's loss to the powerful Mohawks, expected by many to run off with the loop pennant for the second straight year, was suffered as the Stars were minus the services of their captain, Bob Palmer.

However, Palmer is expected to be back in the lineup against the Jets tonight. Trainer Frank Bidack said that his leg injury has improved sufficiently to allow him to play.

Coach Alex Wood hopes that the presence of Palmer will shake the Stars out of the lethargy that allowed the Mohawks to handle them easily Sunday night.

Prior to Sunday night's games, the Stars had run up a three-game victory string on the strength of spirited and aggressive skating and excellent teamwork.

Louisville at present is scrambled with Grand Rapids, Marion and Milwaukee in last place, each with a total of eight points on four wins. The week's 14 games is expected to unscramble the situation.



JET STAR — Playing a right wing position for the Johnstown Jets tonight will be Art Dorrington, above, the only Negro player in the International League this year.

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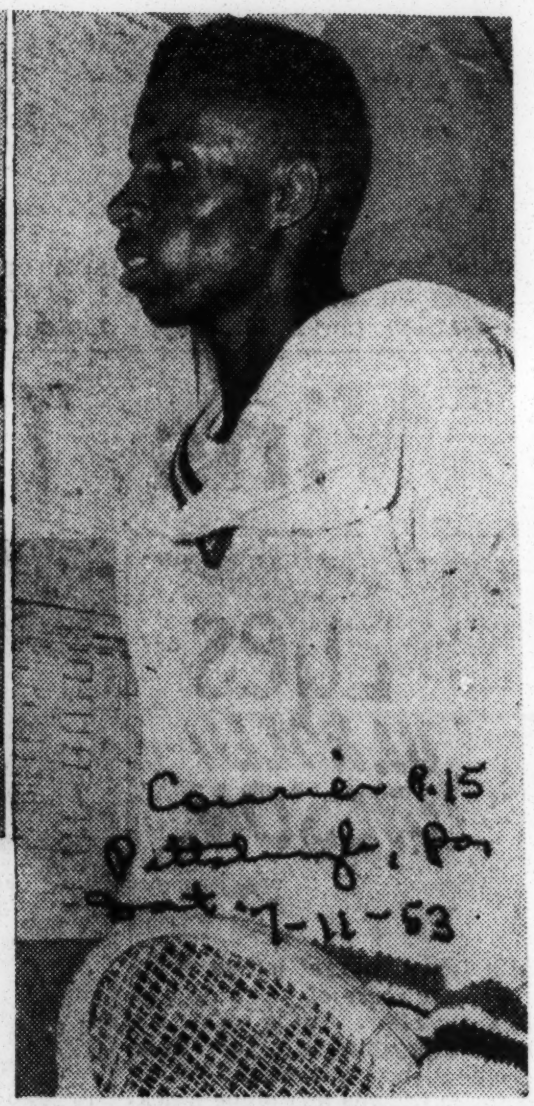
STARS captain Bob Palmer, above, will probably be back in the lineup when Louisville meets Johnstown tonight at the Armory. He has had a leg injury.



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SPORTS

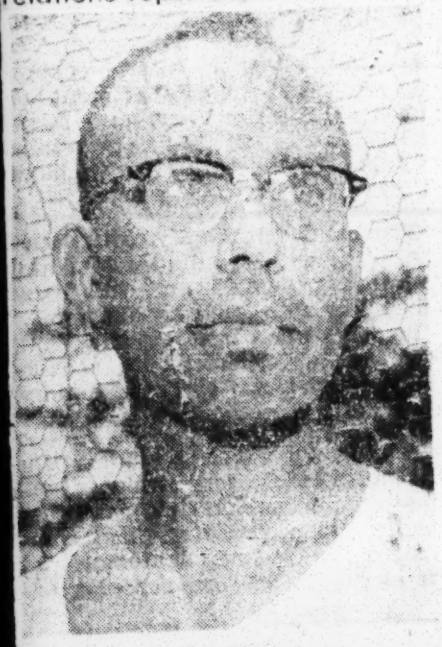
OP NET STARS—The nation's leading tennis stars expected to see action ong the tournament trail during the summer months are Althea Gibson, orida A. and M.'s brilliant women's singles champion; George Stewart, TA's men's singles champion; Lorraine Williams, Chicago teen-ager, who is rated one of the finest young prospects ever developed, and Oscar Johnson, former national champ who returns to action after completing a hitch in the armed services.

Kean Wins Men's Singles Crown In Atlanta Open Tennis Tourney

Stops Lockett in Finals; Mrs. Bush Cops Women's Title

BY JOEL W. SMITH

Dan Kean, veteran net star from Louisville, Ky., and public relations representative of a national sporting goods firm, polished off John Lockett, of Tuskegee, Ala., and junior at A. and I. College, 6-3; 1 6; 8-6; 6-2, Saturday afternoon, to capture the Men's Singles championship in the Atlanta Open Tennis Tournament at the Washington Parks courts.



DAN KEAN

MRS. ELLA BUSH

The promising 19-year-old college star, who put up a stirring battle before going down in the best three-of-five sets, was impressive in spots but lacked the finesse and consistency of the fully-tested new champion.

Kean stepped out front early winning the first set, 6-3 and after dropping the second set, 1-6, came from behind to sweep the third set 8-6 after trailing 5 to 2. In the final set, Kean ran up a 5-and-0 advantage and wrapped up the crown after Lockett won two straight sets.

DOUBLES FINALS TODAY

The finals in the Men's Doubles will be completed at 8 a. m. today at Washington Park. Before darkness halted play Saturday, John Lockett and Lt. Col. William Campbell of Tuskegee, held a 2-and-1 set advantage over Marshall Arnold, of Atlanta, and George Lewis of Bethune-Cookman College.

Lockett and Campbell pulled away by taking the first two sets, 6-1; 6-3. Arnold and Lewis fought back gamely and won the third set, 6-8. Play will be resumed with the fourth set this morning.

MRS. BUSH WINS

Mrs. Ella Bush, winner of laurels in several previous tournaments won the Women's Singles crown with a default from Mrs. Lucia Bacote of a scheduled finals match. Mrs. Bush gained the finals with a 6-0; 6-0 semi-finals victory over Miss Doris Mitchell.

Mrs. Bush then paired with Miss Evelyn George, Atlanta lassie and co-ed at Bethune-Cookman College to win the Women's Doubles title. Mrs. Bush and Miss George triumphed over Misses Mary Watley and Doris Mitchell, 6-1; 4-6; 6-2 in the semi-finals and defeated Mrs. Johnny Head and Miss Alice Jones, 6-2; 6-0 in the finals.

SUMMARIES

MEN'S SINGLES

Dan Kean d. John Lockett, 6-3; 1-6; 8-6; 6-2

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Mrs. Ella Bush d. Mrs. Lucia Bacote, default.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Mrs. Bush-Miss George d. Mrs. Head-Miss Jones, 6-2; 6-0

MEN'S DOUBLES

Lockett-Campbell lead Arnold-Lewis, 6-1; 6-3; 6-8 (Incomplete).

CHANGE OF PACE

Tennis Is Growing in Stature

By BILL NUNN JR.

Odds 'n' Ends . . .

Roy Campanella, should, some time this week, become the first catcher in the history of National League to drive in 100 or more runs in two different seasons. Camp performed the chore last in 1951. Gabby Hartnett and Walker Cooper are the ony other National League receivers who drove in 100 runs. As this is being written, Campanella with ninety-eight RBI's is just two short of the charmed 100 circle . . . Thinking about stiffer penalties against pitchers guilty of throwing bean ball pitches at rival batters isn't the solution. Some definite action should be taken by the heads of both leagues as well as Ford Frick, baseball commissioner. Regardless of how much hurlers deny throwing duster pitches it's generally known in the trade that they resort to this tactic often. Incidentally, Frick should also take a peek at the records and notice the number of times leading Negro batters in the majors have been hit in comparison to some of the outstanding white performers. A quick example shows that Minnie Minoso of the Chicago White Sox has been hit eleven times so far this season. All by accident, of course!

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In Pittsburgh last week approximately ten thousand fans witnessed a Negro-American League contest against the Kansas City Monarchs and Indianapolis Clowns. It's estimated that a lack of ticket sellers and a threat of rain prevented the crowd from reaching 15,000. The game was called at the end of six innings because of rain. Shortly before the game there were four ticket sellers on hand and this number had to be increased to twelve. And who said Negro baseball was dead? . . . Indications are that if the Yankees were to bring up a Negro star from their Kansas City farm system, the man would be Elston Howard in preference to Vic Power. This strange, strange world!

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Tennis players are a clanish lot. They've had their games ridiculed for years as a snobbery sport, played mostly by the rich or those persons anxious to immulate the ways of the "other" class.

In reality the blasts leveled at tennis enthusiasts by lovers of the more rugged sports, like baseball and football, are entirely unfounded. Tennis, like any other game, is a sport that requires speed, agility, coordination, and a lot of skill. It's one of the few sports where a woman, and we mean that literally, can often excel a man.

In recent years the net game has grown in popularity from coast to coast. If you don't believe that take a look at any of the public courts and notice the number of tennis addicts you'll find trying to perfect their strokes. The group will amaze you.

Among Negroes, too, the game is growing. Proof of that will be found in Daytona Beach, Fla., next week, where the American Tennis Association will be holding its thirty-sixth annual National Championship Tournament.

The ATA isn't a new organization. It has been struggling along for years, mainly through the efforts of men with foresight and an undying belief in the appear to be bearing fruit.

With stars like George Stewart, Oscar Gibson, showing ability who are constantly challenging him for his top position. Kids like George Fyrman, Alton King, and Gary Randolph, are loaded with talent. Their future, like the American Tennis Association, is still in front of them.

Men like Dr. Sylvester B. Smith, ATA president; Dr. R. Walter Johnson, Arthur E. Frances, Arthur Chippey, Major L. Abbott, and countless others, have derstandable why Dr. Johnson recently that out of the ranks of the fought incessantly for years to "sell" the top tournaments in tennis to Negroes. Now, these efforts Winn, classy young ATA junior singles could be William of the top ranking net forward.

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VICTOR AND VANQUISHED— The two finalists in the interscholastic tennis tournament held last week at Virginia Union in Richmond, pose prior to the final match. William Winn (left), senior from Williston High, Wilmington, N.C., won, 6-1, 6-2 and 6-4 over Victor Miller, senior, Dunbar High, Lynchburg, Va.

GOVERNOR'S BLESSING — Art Bragg, captain and star sprinter of the Morgan State college track team, receives a handshake and best wishes from Maryland Governor Theodore R. McKeldin prior to the athlete's departure for California. President Martin D. Jenkins, of Morgan, center, looks on approvingly. Bragg left Baltimore Wednesday morning. He was third in the 100 at the Los Angeles Relays Friday night.

LOSES RACQUET, WINS CROWN:

High School Lad Captures Scholastic Tennis Title

RICHMOND, Va. — A hard cross-court smash lost him his tennis racquet but won 18-year-old William Winn of North Carolina his second straight American Tennis Association interscholastic net title here Saturday.

Winn's racquet spun out of his hand as he smashed a high lob. The small crowd gasped, then applauded when they saw that the drive was beyond the reach of Victor "Red" Miller of Dunbar High in Lynchburg.

The Williston high (Wilmington, N.C.) student won the title match handily, 6-1, 6-2 and 6-4. Miller's lack of a blazing serve enabled Winn to move off the baseline and control the game. Twice in the last set Miller, a good-looking, sandy-haired, bobby-socker's delight, had a 40-15 edge.

Each time Winn fought back, deuced the game and went on to victory.

Bound For A and T

Immediately following the final match, Winn announced that he planned to enroll at North Carolina A and T next year. Miller, who is also a high school senior, hasn't had his mind made up for him yet—but he's negotiating.

Next stop on the tennis trail for the two finalists will be at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville where they will compete for the USLTA national interscholastic championship.

Two others are also scheduled to make the trip. They are semi-finalists Arthur Reid, Dunbar High, Washington, D.C., and William Daniels, P.S. Jones high, Washington, N.C.

The matches were played on the Virginia Union University courts. In all, 43 players participated. In the doubles final, the Miller-Joseph Pullen team from Dunbar (Lynchburg), defeated the Daniels-Malcolm Little team from P.S. Jones, 6-3, 7-5.

2 Tennis Clubs Sue Atlanta, Ga.

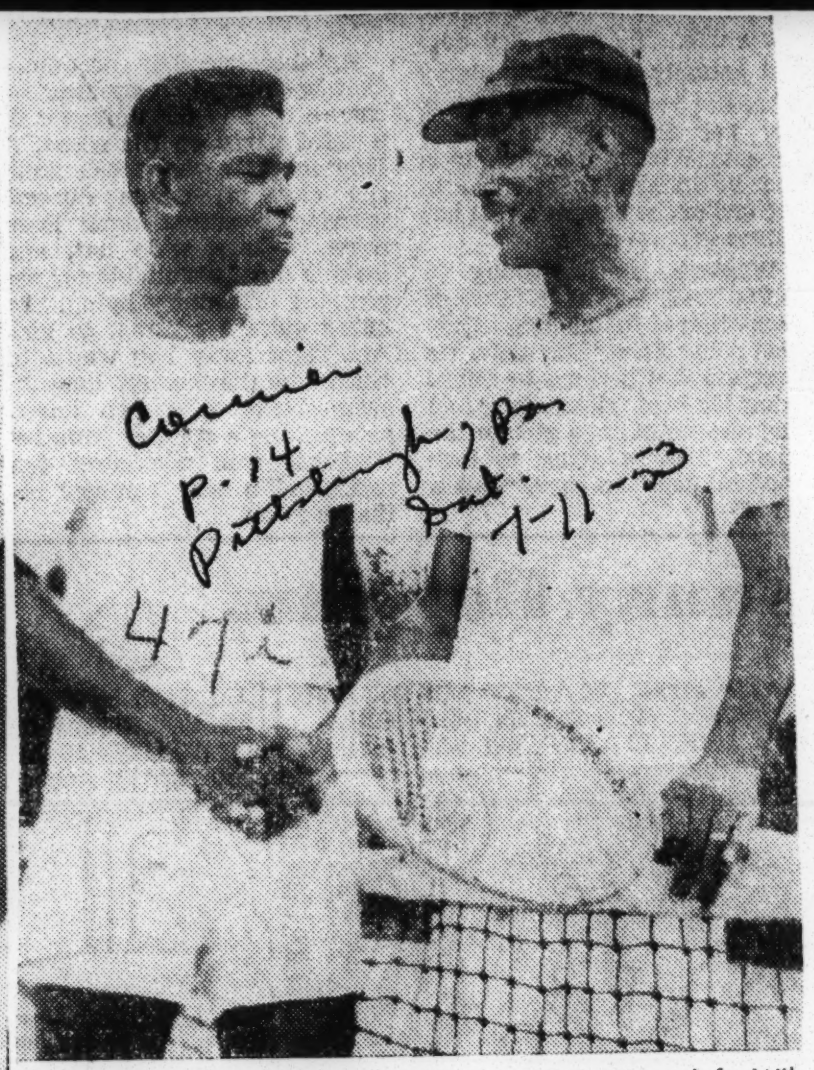
Atlanta, Ga. — Two Negro tennis clubs here filed a petition with city officials protesting Jim-crow recreation facilities.

A. and T. Court Champs—The A. and T. Aggies tennis team has just completed another successful season. It repeated as team titlelist in the C.I.A.A., championships and Dewitt Willis, a member of the team won the singles crown. The group also placed third in the team championships of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics meet held recently at Abilene, Tex., in winning third place in doubles and fourth place in singles Composing the championship outfit are from left to right: Mat Brown, coach; Julius Martin, Wilmington, N. C.; Dewitt Willis, Plainfield, N. J., and Vincent Moore, Durham, N. C.

Mrs. Bethune Will Crown Tennis Queen

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.—Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, president emeritus and founder of Bethune-Cookman college here, has consented to crown the American Tennis Association Guild Queen at the 36th annual national championships, which will be held on the courts of that institution during the week of Aug. 17-22.

The American Tennis Association Guild is the ladies auxiliary of the ATA and has organized chapters in many strategic cities all over the country. At the annual national championships a queen of the ATA Guild is crowned, after a popularity campaign has been conducted by the various chapters. It is this queen that will be crowned by Mrs. Bethune.



SOUTHEASTERN WINNERS—William (Billy) Wynn, left, Wilmington, N. C., congratulates Nathaniel Jackson, also of Wilmington, whom he defeated in straight sets for the men's singles championship in the Southeastern Tennis Tournament held in Greensboro, N. C., last week-end.

Althea, George Stewart Cop ATA Championships

Defending Champs Have Easy Time In Regaining Titles

By BILL NUNN JR.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.—Two of the greatest tennis stars to ever grace the ranks of the American Tennis Association, George Stewart and Althea Gibson, are being hailed this week for their scintillating victories in the thirty-sixth annual national tennis championships, which were concluded here at Bethune-Cookman College, Saturday.

ALTHEA GIBSON
... kept things under control

Displaying the superb form that has been characteristic of their domination of the ATA tennis scene, both Miss Gibson and Stewart made their victories in the women's and men's singles look like nothing more than a light workout.

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MISS GIBSON,. who begins play at Forest Hills, Aug. 29, against some of the country's best players, had no trouble in the women's finals as she sidetracked Mary Etta Fine of New York in straight sets, 6-1, 6-1. It was her seventh consecutive women's crown.

Miss Fine, who had defeated Ivy C. Ramsey of New York in the semi-finals, was never in contention against Miss Gibson. The smooth stroking defending champion showed her superiority from the outset, and, as a result, finished the championship match in just thirty-five minutes.

Forcing the action all the way, Miss Gibson was constantly charging the net. Her powerful returns and deadly sideline shots, kept Mrs. Fine constantly on the defensive and out of position.

WHILE BLASTING her way into the finals over five opponents, Althea only lost as many as two games to one foe. Her second round opponent, Billie Pressley, New York, dropped her first set 6-2, before bowing 6-0. None of the other opposition could win more than a single game.

Like Althea, George Stewart made his victory in the men's singles look routine. The 28-year-old Newark, N. J., southpaw, kept Earthna Jacquet of Los Angeles, Calif., in the palm of his hands and walked off with his third consecutive ATA singles crown, with straight set victories of 6-3, 6-1.

In the opening set after each player had held his initial service, Stewart took command to run his lead to 4-1,. But, here again both players held service, running the count to 5-3 before Stewart applied the clincher in the ninth game.

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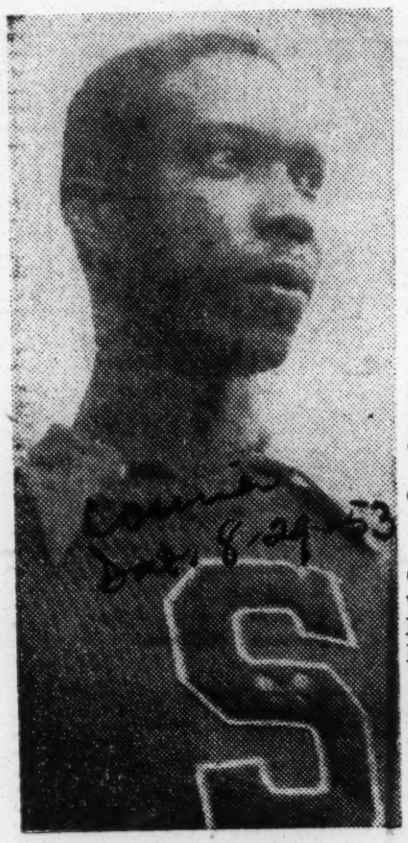
JACQUET WON the first game of the second set, but from that point on was never in contention, as Stewart went on to win the next six games in a row.

In his drive to the finals, Stewart didn't lose a set. His two toughest opponents appeared to be Leo Fine, St. Louis, a 6-4, 6-2 victim and semi-finalist Louis Graves, Detroit, who bowed 6-3, 6-2.



GEORGE STEWART
... easy winner

William Winn, promising Wilmington, N. C., youngster, defended his junior title with a 7-5, 2-6, 6-0 triumph over Victor Miller, Lynchburg, Va. Getting to the finals, Winn had little trouble with Alex Wiggins, Harold Eaton and Samuel Bacote.

Another 1952 champion was on the repeat list in the girls singles. Barbara Winn, dynamic Detroit, Mich., player, had the best of the going in the final match against Evelyn George, 17-year-old Bethune - Cookman college freshman, 8-6, 6-2.

Maceo Hill of Columbus, Ohio, won his first title in the men's veterans division, with straight set victories over Walter Ongue, 6-3, 6-2.

Other winners were:

Women's Doubles — Margaret Peters and Roumania Peters.

Mixed Doubles—Althea Gibson and Dr. R. W. Johnson.

Junior Doubles—Rudy Hernando and Neill Flattery.

Boys' Singles—Rudy Hernando.

The Men's Doubles were called off because of rain. The play-off was between Robert Ryland and Harold Freeman against Delbert Russell and Louis Graves.

Famcee Star Wins College Net Crown

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Thomas Calhoun, scrappy Florida A. and M. senior, walked off with the coveted national intercollegiate tennis championship here Saturday morning with a hard-earned victory over Dewitt Willis, plucky representative of A. and T. College. The final count was 7-5, 2-6, 7-5.

Ironically, the new intercollegiate champion wasn't scheduled to play in the finals. But, as one of the finest performers in the Southern Conference, he was called upon to replace Edward Whitsey, Florida A. and M., and Southern Conference champion, when the latter failed to make an appearance. As the results prove, this choice was a good one.

On his way to the charmed victory circle, Calhoun was pushed to the limit while defeating Joseph Bailey of Wiley College, 8-6, 9-11, 6-3, in the semi-finals.

Willis, one of the top retriev-

CHANGE OF PACE

Bethune Cookman's Pres. Moore Right Guy

By BILL NUNN JR.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.—To be a college president you must be a man of action. Such a man is Dr. Richard V. Moore, head man at Bethune-Cookman College, and one of the men most responsible for the high praise his school has begun receiving for its athletic accomplishments.

Just last week Bethune-Cookman College played host to the American Tennis Association's National Tournament. The appearance of this nationally known organization in Florida was the first time a National Tennis Tournament had been held farther south than Alabama. The reception and hospitality the group received was, despite rain at least once every day the tourney lasted, cordial enough that the same institution will play host next year.

Unlike so many of our college presidents, Dr. Moore takes pride in any accomplishment at Bethune-Cookman. "I believe that athletics should play a definite part in any college curriculum," he told me last week. "Today boys can come out of college and make better than decent wages by playing professional sports. To me a job in athletics is just as wholesome as any job on the market."

"Here at Bethune-Cookman College we take pride in accomplishment. A youngster who excels in sports and one who excels in the classroom are considered good-will missionaries of the school. All we require of an athlete is that he meets our academic standards as well as our moral codes. We've had very little trouble in the past with this attitude and we anticipate very little in the future."

The sound doctrines being taught in this Florida college have paid off handsomely.

During the past football and basketball seasons, Bethune-Cookman, under the able guidance of their astute coach, Bunky Matthews, won the Southern Intercollegiate football and basketball championships. They also finished second in the national basketball tournament in Nashville, Tenn.

Last year at this time Bethune-Cookman didn't have a tennis court on its campus. This year they have six of the best courts found anywhere. Their new Physical Education Building, which will seat 3,500 for basketball games, is near completion and, if you don't broadcast it, their athletic teams are going to be among the best in the land this fall and winter.

Our hat's off to a great guy and a great institution!

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Tennis Chatter

Most of the followers of the ATA Tournament trail believe that Althea Gibson is near the peak of her game now. If, they contend, she could have a few bad tennis habits corrected by instruction, she would be unbeatable . . . Dr. Reggie Weir is no longer a member of the ATA, although that organization was largely responsible for his being accepted at Forest Hills this year. The organization did that despite the fact he's "gone big" on some of those who helped him get started.

Three white players took part in this year's tourney. Two were from Detroit and one from New York . . . L. E. Spooner, who has been chief of umpires for the ATA for thirty-six years, did an excellent job of running things . . . Because of the constant threat of rain, play started at 7:30 A. M., throughout the week . . . George Stewart believes that William Winn could develop into one of the country's top stars—his viewpoint is shared by many.

Oscar Johnson, who bypassed the National to play in the National Public Parks Tennis tourney in Minneapolis was eliminated in the semi-finals . . . Grace Clark, Baltimore Junior High School teacher, has made everyone of the ATA's sanctioned tennis tournaments for the last three years . . . Dr. Theodore Inge scored one of the big upsets in the tourney when he "pushed" Dr. R. W. Johnson, better known as "whirlwind," out of Veterans' Division. Inge won 1-6, 6-4, 6-4 . . . The tourney's dark horse was Dr. Hubert Eaton, Wilmington, N. C. He eliminated fifth seeded Edward Van Beverhoudt, in a first round match and then knocked off second seeded Delbert Russell, Detroit, in a third round match. He lost in the semi-finals to Jacquet . . . Other big upset occurred in the men's doubles when Robert Ryland and Harold Freeman defeated Stewart and Eaton. They were top seeded in this division.

Polished Net Stars Win With Ease In ATA Finals

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Althea Gibson, brilliant New York and former Florida A. & M. College tennis star, continued her mastery in the women's singles as she needed only 35 minutes to sweep to her seventh straight championship Saturday in the finals of the American Tennis Association National Championships at Bethune-Cookman College.

Miss Gibson, who has crushed all opposition throughout the tournament, lost only two games to her finals opponent, Mary Etta Fine, Kansas City, Mo., as she recorded a 6-1, 6-1 victory.

STEWART WINS FOURTH TITLE

George Stewart, of Newark, N. J., and former star at South Carolina State College, had an equally easy time coping his fourth consecutive title in the men's singles division as he decisioned Eardina Jacquet, of Los Angeles, Calif., in a straight set, 6-3, 6-1 victory.

The girl's singles crown went to Barbara Pratt, of Detroit, Mich., who met strong opposition from Evelyn Preyer, of Bethune-Cookman and former star at David T. Howard High School, Atlanta, Ga., before winning, 8-6, 6-2.

Rudy Hernanda, 12-year-old Detroit youngster, annexed the boys' singles title by trampling Chester White, 6-0, 6-0.

MRS. BUSH DROPS . . . . . .

FINALS MATCH

In the senior women's finals, Mrs. Jame Hudlin, of St. Louis, Mo., outlasted Mrs. Ella Bush, of Atlanta, Ga., 6-3, 6-0 to win the crown. Mace Hill, of Columbus, Ohio, took the senior men's singles with a snappy 6-3, 6-2 triumph over Walter Onque, of Newark, N. J.

William Winn, of Wilmington, N. C., successfully defended his junior singles crown as he defeated Victor Miller, of Lynchburg, Va., after a long uphill struggle, 7-5, 2-6, 6-0.

In the junior doubles division, Rudy Hernando and Neill Flattery, both of Detroit, Mich., met tough opposition from Waymond Brewer, Detroit and Samuel Bacote, Atlanta, Ga., before they could break through for a 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 victory.

Althea Gibson, Negro Tennis Star, Ranked First in Eastern Singles

By LINCOLN A. WERDEN

Liberalization of the so-called "eight week" rule in tennis, in which amateur players are permitted to receive expenses, was indicated yesterday by delegates to the annual meeting of the Eastern Lawn Tennis Association.

Rankings for 1952 also were announced, with Althea Gibson, New York Negro star, being accorded the No. 1 placed on the women's singles list, the first time anyone of her race has thus been honored. Elfi Carroll of Sea Cliff was ranked second while Mrs. Louise R. Ganzenmuller, also of Sea Cliff, was placed third.

In the men's singles, Richard Savitt or Orange, N. J., who was unranked because of insufficient data a year ago, headed the rankings with Bill Talbert No. 2.

Although the vote on the expense problem was an unofficial one, and came after the organization's representatives to next week's annual meeting of the United States Lawn Tennis were ordered to go "uninstructed," the expression was believed to be highly significant.

When James B. Dickey of South Orange, N. J., elected president a few hours earlier, asked for a vote on sentiment to abolish the regulation in its entirety, thus allowing players to have a fifty-two week freedom of expense allowances, only one hand was raised in favor.

The consensus, however, was that some recommendation expanding the present amateur rule on expense allowances would be made. The Eastern association has the largest number of votes of any sectional organization that will attend the meeting of the U. S. L. T. A. at the Hotel Vanderbilt next Saturday.

Louis Carruthers, former president of the U. S. L. T. A., warned against any proposal that would take all limits off the number of tournaments in which amateurs could participate and yet receive expenses.

"There has been a demand through the years for greater freedom," Carruthers said, "but I personally oppose a rule which would enable a player to travel for fifty-two weeks and receive expenses. It would be a misnomer then to call him an amateur."

Henry J. Benisch, speaking in behalf of the West Side Tennis Club of Forest Hills, scene of the national championships, said that his club assumed a "realistic" view and favored abolishment of all restrictions on the number of weeks during which competitors could collect expenses. He said he hoped the E. L. T. A. members would consider the viewpoint of his club when they cast their votes next week.

Russell Kingman, U. S. L. T. A president, suggested that delegates of the Eastern be allowed to go "uninstructed" and his advice was followed.

The recommendations of the ranking committee were followed, except for that in the girls singles division. A vote of the delegates placed Nancy Niering of Newburgh, N. Y. first and Carole L. Wright of Brooklyn, Eastern champion, second, with Georgia Carrington, Montclair, N. J. third.

It was decided to adhere to the use of the word "veteran," rather than "senior," for classification in future tournaments. It was announced that the Eastern grass court championships would be held August 3—9 at the Orange Lawn Tennis Club. Other tournament dates are to be announced later.

In the election of officers, Dickey succeeded W. Dickson Cunningham as president. Spencer Mille of South Orange, N. J., became first vice president, the post previously held by Dickey. Those re-elected included Clifford B. Marsh Jr., Buffalo, second vice president; Walter B. Schleiter, New York, secretary, and Harold E. Ammerman, Orange, N. J., treasurer.

THE RANKINGS

MEN'S SINGLES

1. Richard Savitt, Orange, N. J.
2. William F. Talbert, New York
3. Sidney Schwartz, Brooklyn
4. Jack Tuero, Roslyn, L. I.
5. Charles F. Masterson, Brooklyn
6. Dr. Jack Geller, Port Chester, N. Y.
7. Sidney B. Wood Jr., New York
8. George Ball, New York
9. Frankline Pierce, New York
10. William Lurie, New York
11. Calvin D. MacCracken, Tenafly, N. J.
12. Jack W. Sunderland, East Orange, N. J.
13. William J. Tully, Larchmont, N. Y.
14. Thomas M. Lewyn, New York
15. Pablo S. Eisenberg, Millburn, N. J.
16. Thomas L. Boys, Forest Hills, L. I.
17. Major Leo V. Hayes, Lawton, Okla.
18. Albert S. Reynolds Jr., Bloomfield, N. J.
19. Dr. Reginald S. Weir, New York
20. Alan P. Fleming, West Orange, N. J.

CLASS A
Listed Alphabetically

Theodre C. Blacke Jr., Bay Shore; Henry H. Basaford Jr., Brooklyn, Richard I. Fine, Brooklyn; Alvin L. Hollander Jr., New York; Robert J. Kerdasha, North Bergen, N. J.; Alastair B. Martin, Glen Head; Richard H. Raskind Forest Hills, Herbert L. Sowden, Hackensack, N. J.; William R. Stucki, Cliffside Park, N. J.; Marvin Wachman, Hamilton, N. Y.

Not ranked because of insufficient data—Ladislav Hecht, Kew Garden, L. I., W. Donald McNeill, Searington, N. Y.

MEN'S DOUBLES

1. Sidney Schwartz and William F. Talbert.
2. Jack Tuero and Sidney B. Wood Jr.
3. Richard W. Seller and William J. Tully
4. George Ball and William Lurie.
5. Sidney Adelstein and Dadislav Hecht
6. Alvin L. Hollander Jr. and Dr. Reginald S. Weir
7. Alan P. Fleming and Donald S. Hawley
8. Walter E. Goepel and Calvin MacCracken
9. W. Crawford Dunlap Jr. and Joseph Phillips

VETERANS SINGLES

1. Robert E. Lake, Brooklyn.
2. R.Berkeley Bell, New York.
3. Weller B. Evans, East Orange, N. J.
4. Harold T. MacGuffin, New York.
5. Frank J. Salichs, Forest Hills, L. I.
6. Jeff Simon, New York.
7. Sidney B. Kahn, Woodmere, N. Y.
8. Harold Adelstein, New York.
9. Harold C. Fields, Jamaica, L. I.
10. Arthur P. Reichert, New York.
11. Dr. Irving Bricker, New York.
12. Dr. V. Lemoine Heuser, Elizabeth, N. J.

Not ranked because of insufficent data—J. Gilbert Hall, New York.

VETERANS DOUBLES

1. R. Berkeley Bell and J. Gilbert Hall.
2. R. Berkeley Bell and Dr. Edward Greenspan.
3. Lawrence Fertig and Albert Schoenfield.
4. Sidney Adelstein and Harold T. MacGuffin.
5. Weller B. Evans and Dr. V. Lemoine Heuser.
6. Robert E. Lake and Frank J. Salichs.

Not ranked because of insufficient data—Dr. Irving Bricker and Harold C. Fields.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

1—Althea Gibson, New York.
2—Mrs. Elfi Carroll, Sea Cliff, N. Y.
3—Mrs. Louise R. Ganzenmuller, Sea Cliff, N. Y.
4—Mrs. Nellie Sheer Kagan, New York.
5—Frances Schneidewind, Verona, N. J.
6—Mrs. Jean French Fallot, Amityville, N. Y.
7—Diana McIlvaine, New York.
8—Betty Coumbe, Westfield, N. J.
9—Isabel Troccole, Bronx.
10—Carolyn Liguori, Brooklyn.

CLASS A
Listed Alphabetically

Susan Bralower, White Plains, N. Y.; Carmen Lampe, Forest Hills, N. Y.; Frances E. McBride, Plainfield, N. J.

Not ranked because of insufficient data—Mrs. Edna Steinbach Salichs, Forest Hills, N. Y.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

1—Mrs. Elfi Carroll and Mrs. Louise R. Ganzenmuller.

Althea Ranked 9th By USLTA

NEW YORK — Althea Gibson of Florida A and M college and this city ranked ninth among all U.S. women tennis players in the USLTA ratings released here Monday.

Miss Gibson came behind youthful Maureen Connolly of California who is first, Doris Hart of Florida Shirley Fry of Ohio, and Louise Brough of Beverly Hills, Calif., the top four.

Nancy Chafee, Anita Kanter, Mrs. Patricia Todd and Mrs. Baba Lewis were the others above the fast developing star.

Better Competition For Althea Expected In National Tourney

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.—Althea Gibson's domination of the women's singles championship may be seriously threatened this year by newcomer Ivy Cover Ramsey of Jamaica, B. W. I., during the national championships of the American Tennis Association to be played on the Bethune-Cookman College courts here Aug. 17-22.

Miss Ramsey, who now lives in New York City, is expected to give the ranking women tennis players plenty of trouble and served notice when she swamped Rosemary Darben of Newark, N. J., by the score of 6-0, 6-1, in the Cockburn Trophy matches. Miss Darben ranks seventh.

TOP WOMEN players in the ATA are Mary Etta Fine of Kansas City, Mo.; Nana Davis Vaughan of East Orange, N. J., and Doris Harrison of Washington, D. C., who rank behind Miss Gibson in that order.

Evelyn George, a student at Bethune - Cookman, although not ranked nationally, is purported to be one of the most promising stars in the college ranks. Just turned 18, Miss George won the Atlanta City open singles championship and is presently Atlanta School open champion. She, too, is expected to give the seeded players plenty of competition.

There is hope that 14-year-old Lorraine Williams of Chicago considered one of the finest young players ever produced by our group in the United States, will also be on hand although she won't be eligible for senior play. Other commitments may keep Miss Williams away from the tourney, however.

In the men's event, George Stewart, formerly of Panama, now living in Newark, N. J., and present national champion, will defend his title against former national champion Oscar Johnson, who is now out of the service, and Norman Appel of Dayton, Ohio, who twice was frustrated in his bid for the title by Stewart.

Net Queen Tops Althea

ATA Champ Second In Clay Court Play

CHICAGO (ANP) —Althea Gibson of New York, Sunday afternoon became the first colored woman tennis player to reach the finals of a national tournament when she met the world's top female star, Maureen (Little Mo) Connolly in the National Clay Court championships.

Playing before 3,000 fans at the River Forest courts, Miss Gibson gave Miss Connelly the closest battle of the meet, but found Little Me Too tough. Miss Connelly won 6-4, 6-4 in 52 minutes.

To reach the finals Miss Gibb defeated Mrs. Thelma Long of Australia in the quarter-finals and Anita Kanter of San Francisco, 6-0, 4-6, 13-11 in the semi-finals. Originally Miss Gibson was seeded fourth in a field of 32 women.

Doubles Semi-Finalist

Teaming with Ethel Norton of San Antonio, Tex., Miss Gibson lost in the women's doubles 6-2, 6-3 in the semi finals.

Also competing in this tourney was Oscar Johnson of St. Louis. He was eliminated in the second round in the men's singles and the men's doubles.

Both Miss Gibson and Johnson are now competing in the 54th annual Pennsylvania state tennis championships being held at the Merion Cricket club in Haverford near Philadelphia.

NET STAR — Althea Gibson, first Negro player to compete in the world championships at Wimbledon and the U. S. championships at Forrest Hills, N. Y., is shown receiving her bachelor degree in physical education from President George W. Gore of Florida A & M college, at Tallahassee.

Drops Straight Sets To Louise Brough

PHILADELPHIA—A capacity crowd of 2,000 saw Miss Althea Gibson, New York, lose her bid for the women's fifty-third annual Pennsylvania and Eastern States Tennis Championship at the Merion Cricket Club on Saturday afternoon when she bowed in the semi-finals to Miss Louise Brough, Beverly Hills, Calif., 7-5, 6-1.

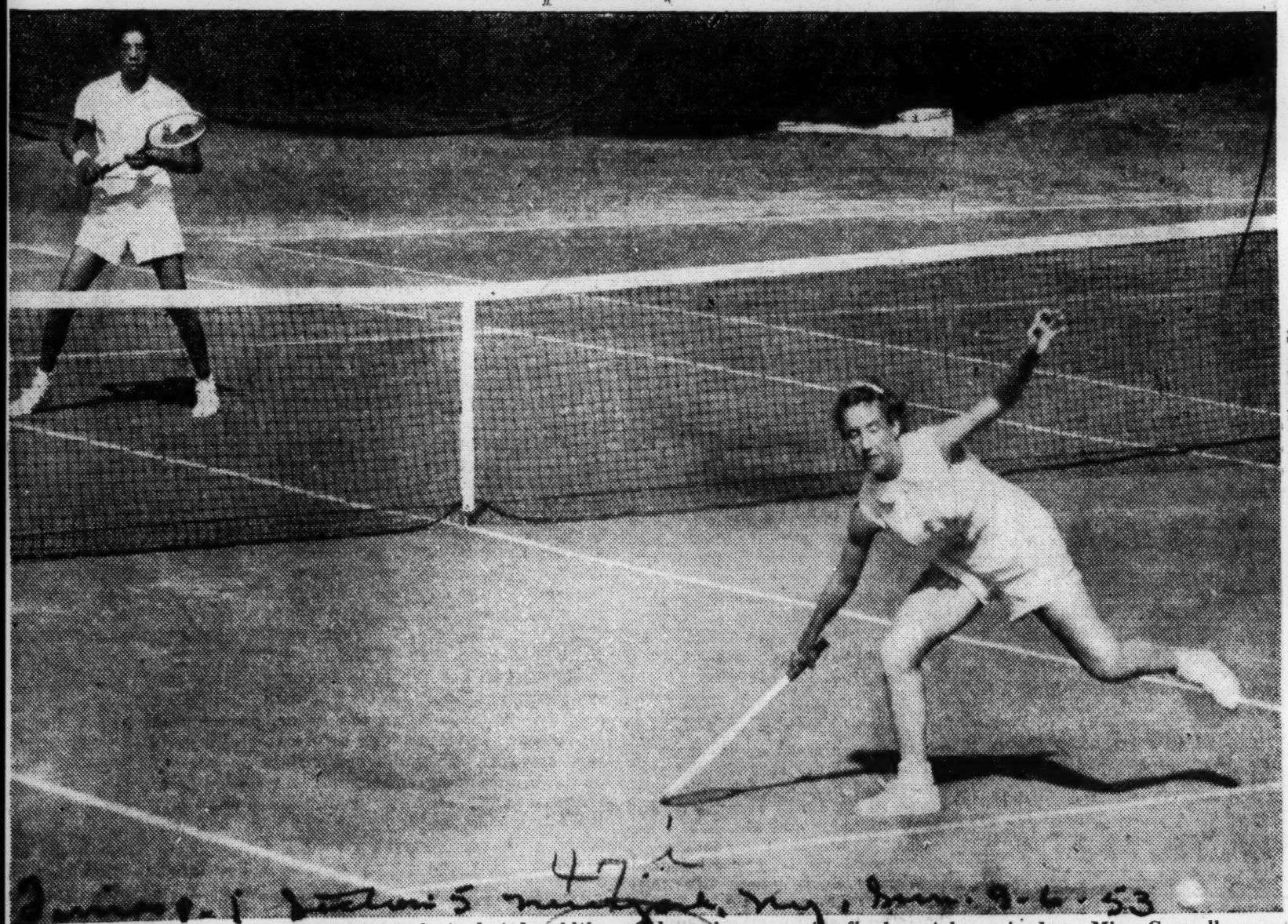
It marked the second time that Miss Brough had checked the ambitions of the former Florida A. and M. student. In 1950, in the nationals at Forest Hills, N. Y., Miss Gibson lost to the West Coast precisionist in three sets in the match which brought her to national attention. Louise is a three-time winner at Wimbledon and was national champion in 1947.

It took fifty minutes to play the two-set match with both women at the top of their game. Althea had come on to the Eastern tourney after losing out in the clay court finals to "Little Mo" Connolly in Chicago. Miss Brough displayed her best game of the series. There were sharp exchanges at the net, good services and they were equal at backhand play.

Althea came from a 1-4 handicap in games in the first set to even it at 4, but Louise allowed her only two points in the last two games as she won 7-5. The point totals in the long set were 41-30.

Tennis Headliners—Oscar Johnson, tar left, and Althea Gibson, right, two of the top Negro players in the country, have been making the tennis tour this year and making impressive showings. They are shown above with Warren Wheary, president of the Western Lawn Tennis Association examining a trophy presented to the winner of the sixty-sixth annual Western Tennis Championships recently completed in Milwaukee, Wis. Both Johnson and Miss Gibson participated. They will be two of the big favorites at the American Tennis Association tournament scheduled for Bethune-Cookman College, Aug. 17 to 22.

As National Tennis Championships at Forest Hills Near Finals



Maureen Connolly, near court, misses fast shot by Althea Gibson in a quarter-final match yesterday. Miss Connolly won.

Maureen Connolly of San Diego, Calif., the defending champion; Doris Hart of Coral Gables, Fla., and Louise Brough of Beverly Hills, Calif., reached the semi-finals of the women's singles. Miss Connolly, shaky in her serving and showing unsteadiness at times with her ground strokes, particularly the backhand, defeated Althea Gibson of New York, 6—2, 6—3.

Miss Gibson's service failed her badly as footfaults were called on her repeatedly until the gallery cried out in protest. Ten footfaults were called in the opening set and five in the second.

These distressing errors, five of which came in the third game of the opening set, undoubtedly affected Miss Gibson's concentration and were responsible in part for the fact that her ground strokes went completely out of control and she failed regularly with her volley until the match was beyond saving.

From 2-all in the first set she lost eight successive games, in which she got a total of only 9 points. Then, trailing at 0—4 in the second set, Miss Gibson brought cheers from the sympathetic gallery as she found her control and took three out of the next four games decisively, breaking service twice as Miss Connolly, who could also double fault, piled up errors on her backhand. Here Miss Gibson's service wavered again and her two double faults and volleying errors brought the match to an end.

Althea Gibson Rated Seventh

NEW YORK — (ANP) — Miss Althea Gibson of New York, now a member of the Lincoln (Mo.) university faculty, is rated seventh best woman tennis player in the nation, according to the latest United States Lawn Tennis Association ratings announced this week.

Stewart, Gibson top tennis players

Althea also leads mixed doubles in ATA rankings

ORANGEBURG, S.C.—George Stewart, Panama-born southpaw star, and Althea Gibson, perennial women's champion, were the top male and female net players of 1953, according to the official rankings of the American Tennis Association, released last week.

In the lists, sent out by secretary Arthur P. Chippey from his South Carolina State College office, Stewart the champ, was followed by Earthna Jacquet of Los Angeles, and Dr. Hubert Eaton, or Wilmington, N.C.

Miss Gibson, a native of Harlem, topped Mary Etta Fine, of Kansas City, and Ivy E. Ramsey, of Brooklyn, among others.

Del Russell and Lou Graves, of Detroit, were the No. 1 team in men's doubles, and Miss Gibson paired with Dr. R. Walter Johnson, of Lynchburg, Va., to lead the mixed doubles placings.

The leading rankings follow:

MEN'S SINGLES

1. George Stewart, Newark, N.J.
2. Earthna Jacquet, Los Angeles, Cal.
3. Dr. Hubert Eaton, Wilmington, N. C.
4. Robert Tyland, Los Angeles, Cal.
5. Louis Graves, Detroit, Mich.
6. William Winn, Wilmington, N.C.
7. Delbert Russell, Detroit, Mich.
8. Edgar P. Lee, Washington, D.C.
9. Lloyd Scott, San Francisco, Cal.
10. Howard Minnis, Baton Rouge La.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

1. Althea Gibson, New York City
2. Mary E. Fine Kansas City, Mo.
3. Ivy E. Ramsey, Brooklyn, N.Y.
4. Nana D. Vaughan, East Orange N. J.
5. Mary Radcliffe, Newark, N.J.
6. Doris Harrison, Washington, D. C.
7. Roumania Peters, Tuskegee, Ala.
8. Mamie Stanley, Brooklyn, N.Y.
9. Rosemary Darben, Montclair, N. J.
10. Ernestine K. Jones, New York City

SENIOR WOMEN'S SINGLES

1. Mrs. Jane Hudlin, St. Louis
2. Mrs. Olga Bethel, Bahamas
3. Mrs. Ella Bush, Atlanta
4. Mrs. Martha Davis, Elizabeth, N. J.
5. Mrs. Jessie Abbott, Tuskegee
6. Mrs. Lena Walden, San Diego
7. Mrs. Lovetta Reason, Chicago

JUNIOR SINGLES

1. William Winn, Wilmington, N.C.
2. Victor Miller, Lynchburg Va.
3. Donald Archer, Bahamas, BWI
4. Samuel Bacote, Atlanta, Ga
5. Orlando Cummings, Philadelphia, Pa.
6. Cecil Williams, Stanford, Conn.
7. Harold Eaton Jr., Washington, D. C.
8. Neil Flattery, Detroit, Mich.

BOYS' SINGLES

1. Rudy Hernando, Detroit, Mich.
2. Chester White, Columbus, Ohio
3. Wesley Moore, Daytona Beach, Fla.
4. Lloyd Scott Jr., San Francisco
5. Gene P. Moore, Daytona Beach
6. Lloyd Hall, Washington, D. C.
7. Edward Dowdy, Washington, D. C.
8. Lee Martin, New England

GIRLS' SINGLES

1. Barbara Pratt, Detroit
2. Evelyn George, Atlanta
3. Flanche Bailey, Bridgeport, Conn
4. Emily Wilson, Philadelphia
5. Richardson Ellis, Jacksonville
6. Abbie Johnson, Jenkintown, Pa
7. Eula Mae Brown, Hawkins, Tex

SENIOR MENS' SINGLES

1. Maceo Hill Columbus
2. Walter Onque, Newark
3. Walter R. Thomas, NYC
4. Dr. Elwood Downing, Roanoke
5. Richard Hudlin, St. Louis
6. Lloyd Lashley, Brooklyn

MEN'S DOUBLES

1. Delbert Russell and Louis Graves, Detroit, Mich.; 2. Robert Ryland, Los Angeles, Calif and Harold Freeman, Washington, D.C.; 3. George Stewart, Newark, N.J. and Dr. Hubert Eaton, Wilmington, N.C.; Earthna Jacquet, Los Angeles, Calif., and John Chandler Fanwood, N.J.; Edward Van Beverhoudt, Stratford, Conn., and Howard Minnis, Baton Rouge, La.;

6. Oscar Johnson, Los Angeles, Calif., and Harold Freeman, Washington, D.C.; 7. Oscar Johnson, Los Angeles, Calif., and John Chandler, Fanwood, N.J.; 8. Carlton Ashby, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Howard Minnis, Baton Rouge, La.; Kendall and Robert Isaacs, Bahamas, BWI; 10. John Brooks and Curtis Williams, Chicago, Ill.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

1. Roumania and Margaret Peters, Tuskegee, Ala.; 2. Jane Hudlin, St. Louis, Mo., and Doris Harrison, Washington, D.C.; 3. Audrey North and Olga Bethell, Bahamas, BWI; 4. Mary Radcliffe, Newark N.J. and Rosemary Darben, Montclair, N.J.; 5. Evelyn George and Ella Bush, Atlanta, Ga.;

6. Mary E. Fine, Kansas City, Mo., and Ivy Ramsey, Brooklyn, N.Y.; 7. Lena Walden, San Diego, Calif., and Eleese Thornton, Los Angeles, Calif.; 8. Martha and Matilda Davis, Eliza-

beth, N.J.; 9. Lucy and Lucia Bacote Atlanta, Ga.; 10. Arvelia Cole, New York City and Glorence Barnes, Washington, D.C.

JUNIOR DOUBLES

1. Rudy Hernando and Neil Flattery, Detroit, Mich.; 2. Waymond Brewer, Detroit, Mich., and Samuel Bacote, Atlanta, Ga.; 3. Cecil Williams, Stamford, Conn. and James Green, Orangeburg, S.C.; 4 Harold Eaton, Washington, D. C. and Orlando Cummings, Philadelphia, Pa.; 5. James Smiley, Detroit, Mich and Robert Watkins 3rd, Boston, Mass.

MIXED DOUBLES

1. Althea Gibson, New York City and Dr. R. Walter Johnson, Lynchburg, Va.; 2. Ivy Ramsey, Brooklyn, N.Y. and John Chandler Fanwood, N. J.; 3. Mary E. Fine, Kansas City, Mo., and Leo R. Fine, St. Louis, Mo.; 4. Mr. and Mrs. Quentin H. Vaughan Jr., East Orange, N. J.; 5. Doris Harrison and Edgar P. Lee, Washington D. C.

CLIMBS — Alethea Gibson, ranked ninth among the women tennis players in 1952, this year moved up two places to gain rating as the seventh best player in the world. The American Tennis Association champion follows Maureen Connolly, Doris Hart, Shirley Fry, Louise Brough, Margaret Osborne DuPont and Helen Pastall Perez, in that order.

Mo Connolly Tops Women Net Rankings

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (AP)—Two comebacks and two retirements provided the only major changes in the 1953 women's tennis rankings announced today by the United States Lawn Tennis Assn.

Maureen Connolly of San Diego, Cal., led the list for the third straight year with Doris Hart of Coral Gables, Fla., and Shirley Fry of Akron, Ohio, in the second and third spots.

Miss Hart has been second every year since 1950 and has been somewhere in the top 10 since she first appeared as No. 6 in 1942. Miss Fry has been ranked each year since 1944 and has been third the past two years.

Louise Brough of Beverly Hills, Calif., is No. 4 again, the same as last year.

The rankings announced by the committee do not become final until approved by the annual meeting of the USLTA on Jan. 16.

The rankings: Women's singles, 1953: 1. Maureen Connolly, San Diego, Calif.; 2. Doris Hart, Coral Gables, Fla.; 3. Shirley Fry, Akron, Ohio; 4. Louise Brough, Beverly Hills, Calif.; 5. Mrs. Margaret Osborne Dupont, Wilmington, Del.; 6. Mrs. Helen Pastall Perez, Encino, Calif.; 7. Althea Gibson, New York City; 8. Mrs. Barbara Madden Lewis, Newtonville, Mass.; 9. Anita Kanter, San Francisco; 10. Julia Ann Sampson, San Marino, Calif.; 11. Mrs. Dorothy Watman Levine, Chicago; 12. Patricia Stewart, Indianapolis, Ind.; 13. Lois Felix, Meriden, Conn.; 14. Katharine Hubbell, Conway, N.H.; 15. Mrs. Laura Lou Kunnen, Clearwater, Fla.; 16. Joan Merciadis, Miami Beach, Fla.; 17. Ethel Norton, San Antonio, Texas; 18. Karol Fageros, Miami, Fla.; 19. Mrs. Louise Ganzenmuller, Sea Cliff, N.Y.; 20. Constance Bowan, Los Angeles.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13—(AP) Spencer Allen, 16-year-old Atlanta star, is rated eighth nationally in boys' singles in rankings announced today by the USLTA.

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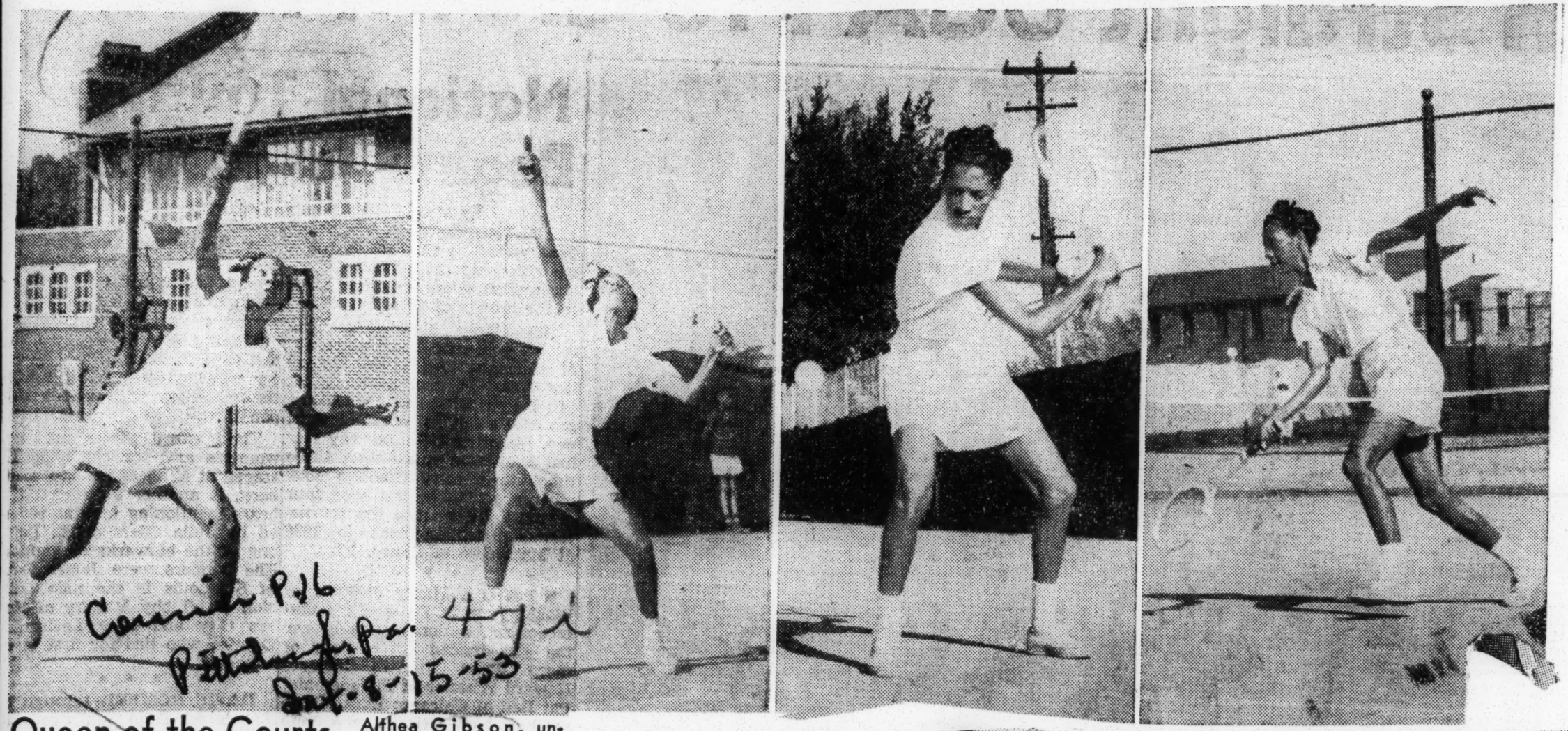
ALTHEA GIBSON



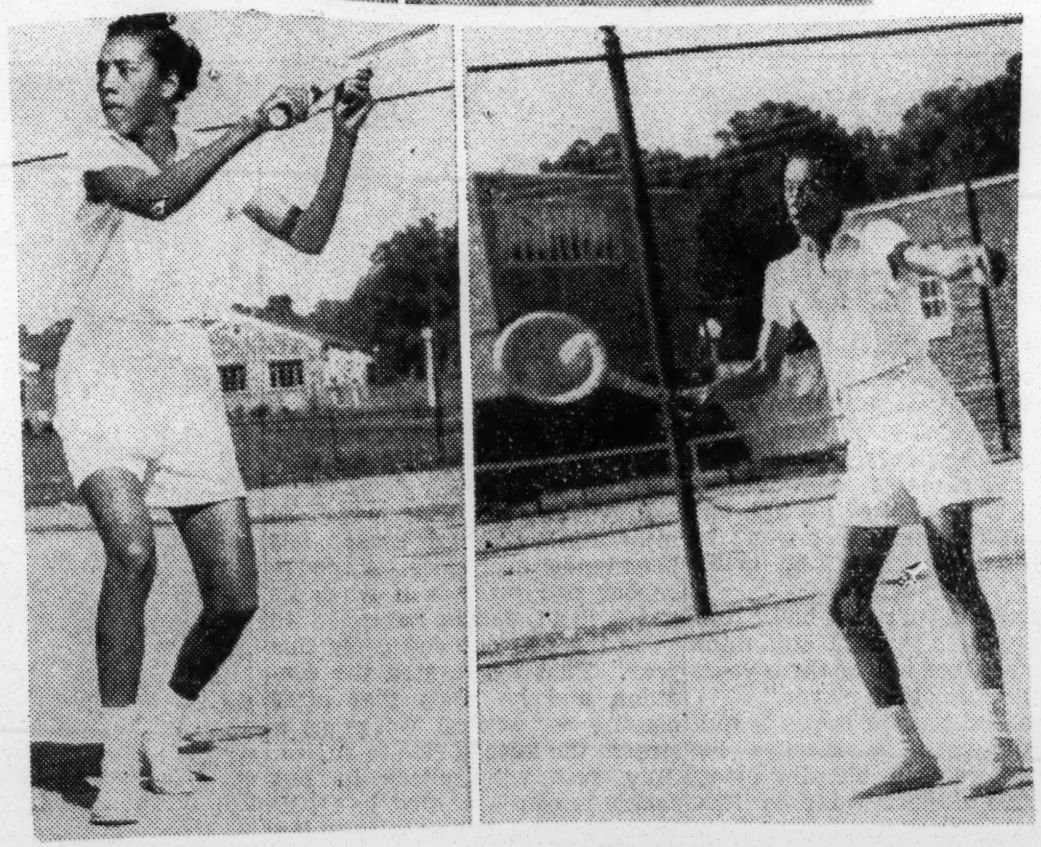
Queen of the Courts— Althea Gibson, undoubtedly the top Negro woman tennis player taking part in the sport, displays the flawless form that's expected to carry her to her seventh consecutive women's title in the American Tennis Association net championships being held at Bethune-Cookman College next week. The tourney lasts from Aug. 17 to the 22.

Gibson Bows In Clay Court Finals

RIVER FOREST, Ill. — (INS) — Vic Seixas and Maureen Connolly, America's twosome who hold the coveted Wimbledon crowns, have added the National Clay Court Championship title to their already impressive records.

Seixas, the hard-swinging Philadelphian, ranked second nationally, made short work of Hamilton Richardson, the 19-year-old intercollegiate champ from Baton Rouge, La., winning in straight sets, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3, in the men's singles finals at the River Forest Tennis Club on July 19.

Miss Connolly, 18, of San Diego, Calif., won the women's singles by defeating Althea Gibson, New York, 6-4, 6-4 in her first tournaon a clay court



Miss Gibson Net Winner At Merion

By Ed Sinclair

HAVERFORD, Pa., July 22.—A severe rainstorm, which raged for more than two hours, delayed the fifty-fourth annual Pennsylvania State tennis championships at the Merion Cricket Club today, but it did nothing more than temporarily postpone Althea Gibson's advance into the quarter-finals of the women's singles.

The tall and slim New York girl who became the first Negro to be ranked nationally—she is seeded ninth to Maureen Connolly—filled out the lower half of the bracket by downing Judy Devlin, of Baltimore, 6—1, 6—3, in a rather easy match on grass courts made treacherous by the downpour, even though they had been covered.

Anita Kanter, of San Francisco, who is seeded sixth nationally and third here, immediately ahead of Miss Gibson, completed the upper bracket by defeating Gwenyth Johnson, of the home club, 6—1, 6—3. The round of eight is scheduled to begin tomorrow at noon.

Meanwhile, the men's singles, in which Vic Seixas, the Wimbledon champion, is the defending champion, proceeded slowly because of the storm. The first player to gain the quarter-finals was Grant Golden, the twenty-two-year-old graduate student at Northwestern University who is ranged fifteenth in the nation and seventh in this tourney.

Taking on Pablo Eisenberg, the reranked Princeton student from Millville, N. J., who yesterday upset Jack Frost, the national junior champion from San Francisco, Golden unleashed his power game to win out, 6—3, 6—2. Golden is given a good chance of meeting Tony Trabert, the Davis Cup hope from Cincinnati, in the semi-finals.

Trabert, the No. 2 seed behind Seixas, registered his daily triumph but not without trouble. The twenty-two-year-old returnee from service in the Navy had the big game he employs extended to some extent by Gene Garrett, of San Diego, but he finally prevailed, 6—3, 7—5.

Trabert seemed a bit off his game in this match although, in truth, Garrett made many fine shots which prolonged the outcome. A graduate student at Columbia, Garrett has been a severe test to many top players in his court career and he was all of that today.

The summaries:

Third Round

Vic Seixas, Merion Cricket Club, defeated Gilbert Shea, Los Angeles, 8—6, 6—3; Jacque Grigry, Los Angeles, defeated Bill Quillian, Seattle, 9—7, 6—1; Noel Brown, Los Angeles, defeated Cliff Mayne, San Francisco ,6—8, 7—5, 6—1; Tony Trabert, Cincinnati, defeated Gene Garrett, San Diego, 6—3, 7—5; Grant Golden, Chicago, defeated Pablo Eisenberg, Millville, N. J., 6—3, 6—2; Straight Clark, Pasadena, defeated Irwin Dorfman, New York, 5—7, 6—2, 6—4; Sidney Wood, New York, defeated Edward Kaufer, Los Angeles, 6—4, 2—6, 6—2.

Hal Burrows, Charlottesville, Va., defeated Fred Hagist, San Francisco, 3—6, 6—4, 6—4.

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Third Round

Anita Kanter, San Francisco, defeated Gwenyth Johnson, Merion Cricket Club, 6—1, 6—3; Althea Gibson, New York, defeated Judy Devlin, Baltimore, 6—1, 6—3.

Althea Gibson Added To Staff Of Lincoln (Mo.)

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Acting Head, Department of Health and Physical Education, Raymond H. Kemp, announces addition to the teaching and coaching departmental staff at Lincoln University (Mo.) for the fall term.

Miss Althea Gibson, recent graduate of Florida A. and M. College and national ranking women tennis star, will serve as instructor in the women's area.

William McMoore, a 1951 graduate of the University of Minnesota, where he lettered in football and boxing, will serve as assistant football coach and director of intermural athletics, and Earl Beeks, a 1948 graduate of Lincoln returns to his Alma Mater where he lettered in football and basketball as assistant coach of football and basketball and instructor of health and physical education.

Althea Gibson, George Stewart Annex 7th, 4th Straight ATA Tennis Titles

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.—George Stewart, Newark, N. J., for the fourth consecutive year, won the National Men's Singles of the American Tennis Association on the courts of Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Fla. on Monday, Aug. 24.

His final round opponent was Earthna Jacquet, Los Angeles, Calif. The straight set victory at 6-3, 6-1 clearly indicates the victors superiority.

Stewart started the first set by winning his service on four straight points. Jacquet held his service to even it at 1-1. The next three games went to Stewart to lead at 4-1. Each player held his service to run out the set at 6-3.

THE FIRST game of the second set was the longest of the match, being deuced four times before Jacquet won, which was the only game he won in that set. The champion ended the match by taking his opponents service for four straight points.

Stewart's semi-final round adversary was Louis Graves, Detroit, Mich., whom he defeated 6-2, 6-2. Dr. Hubert Eaton, Wilmington, N. C., who surprised all on Thursday, was no match for Jacquet, losing at 6-3, 6-1.

THIRTY-FIVE minutes was all that Althea Gibson needed to win the women's singles crown for the seventh straight year. The champion only lost two games to her final round opponent, Mary E. Fine, Kansas City, Mo., to win at 6-1, 6-1.

Girl's singles title went to little Barbara Pratt, Detroit, Mich., at 8-6, 6-2 over Evelyn George, Bethune-Cookman College.

Rudy Hernando, a 12-year-old boy from Detroit was outstanding to annex the Boy's Singles event from his 14-year-old adversary, Chester White by a 6-0, 6-0.

MRS. JANE Hudlin, St. Louis, is the Senior Women's singles champion, outlasting Mrs. Ella Bush Atlanta, winning 6-3, 6-0.

Maceo Hill, Columbus, Ohio was the best in the Senior Men's Singles. In the final roud he took Walter Onque, Newark, by a score of 6-3, 6-2.

THE JUNIOR Singles championship for the second year was garnered by William Winn, Wilmington, N. C., after a struggle against Victor Miller, Lynchburg, Va., winning at 7-5, 2-6, 6-0.

The pony team of Rudy Hernando and Neill Flattery, Detroit, Mich., met tough opposition from Waymond Brewer, Detroit, and Samuel Bacote, Atlanta, before they were able to win the Junior Doubles which is shown by 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 score.

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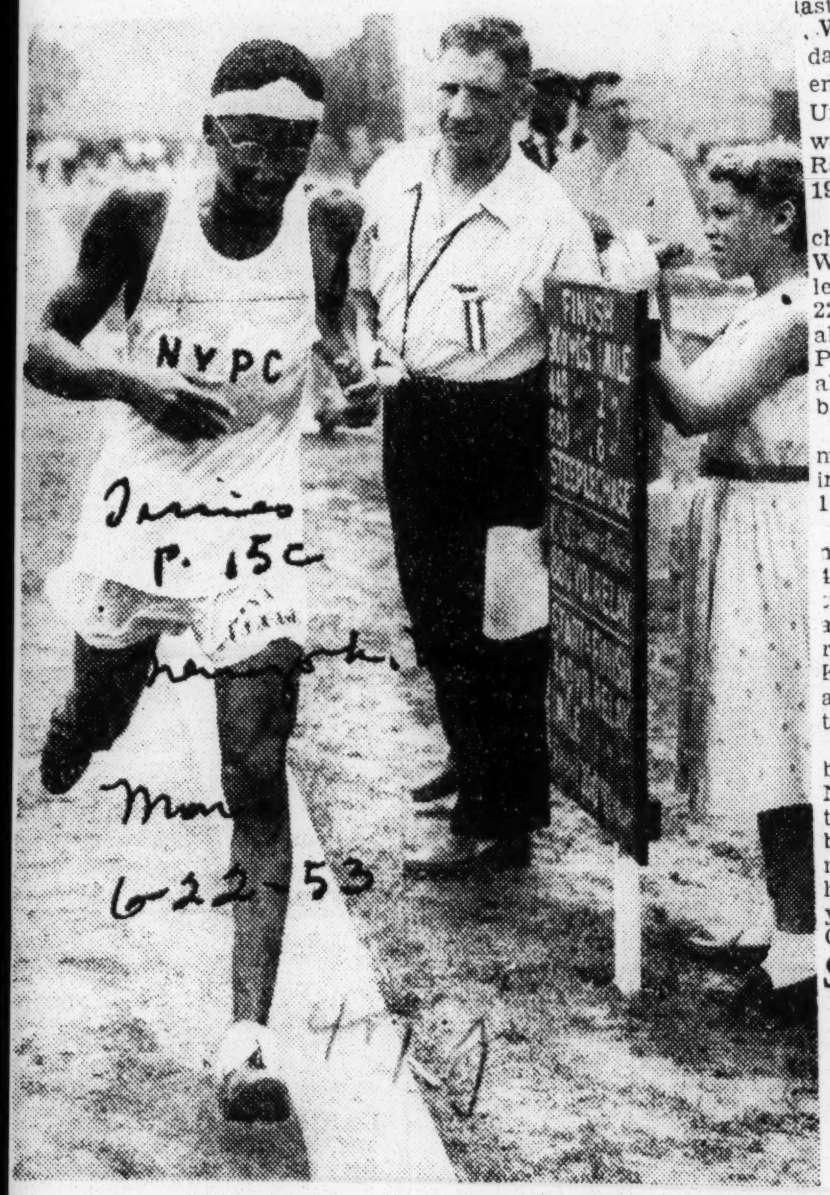

The New York Times (by Robert Walker)

O'Donnell Joshua of New York Pioneer Club crossing line in three-mile run in 16:12.5. Joshua lapped the field in race.

N. Y. A. C. Wins Junior Track Title As 4 Records Fall and 2 Are Tied

Four records were set and two tied as the New York Athletic Club, with 89¼ points, captured the metropolitan A. A. U. junior track and field championship at Triborough Stadium, Randalls Island, yesterday. The New York Pioneer Club was second with 73¾ points.

John Duenzl was the spark plug of the Winged Foot victory as he scored the meet's only double, winning the 120-yard high hurdles in 0:16, and the high jump with a 6-foot 2-inch leap. He added a second place in the broad jump, behind his teammate, Robert Simpson, to gain individual honors with thirteen points.

The Winged Footers accounted for ten first places and the Pioneer Club five on the nineteen-event program. The two teams divided the record performances evenly, each accounting for two new standards and one tied mark.

The outstanding performance of the day was Lester Wallack's record-breaking half-mile run in which he was timed in 1:55.1. The old meet mark of 1:56.6, was set by Fordham's Jerry Connolly, under the New York A. C. banner in 1947, and equaled by Mike Stanley of the Winged Footers last year.

Wallack, who competed yesterday for the New York A. C., will enter his final year at Colgate University in the fall. He recently was elected captain of the Red Raiders track and field squad for 1954.

The other of Tom Quinn's charges to set a meet record was Walter Raphael of Hofstra College, with a 0:21.4 effort in the 220-yard dash. He finished a yard ahead of William Warren of the Pioneer Club, with Robert Thomas also of the Pioneers a foot further back.

The previous mark of 0:21.6 was made by Joe Cianciabella, competing for the Grand Street Boys in 1947.

Lawrence Brailsford of the Pioneer Club, a finalist in the IC4A 440-yard run a month ago, captured yesterday's quarter in 0:48.7, a tenth of a second better than the record hung up by James McKenna of the N. Y. A. C. in 1947 and equaled by Richard Maiocco of the Pioneer Club in 1949.

The Pioneer's Morton Diamond beat the Winged Foot's Grover Nulty in the 440-yard hurdles in the record clocking of 0:55.9 to better by nine-tenths of a second a mark made by Bob Smith of Manhattan in 1932 and tied seventeen years later by Bob Hatch of the Grand Street Boys.

Summaries of the Events

TRACK EVENTS

440-yard hurdles—1, Morton Diamond, Pioneer Club; 2, Grover Nulty, N. Y. A. C.; 3, Robert Guiffre, Pioneer Club; 4, Basil Johnson, unattached. Time—0:55.9 (new record, old record 0:56.8, set by Robert Smith, Manhattan, 1932, and tied by Robert Hatch, Grand Street Boys, 1949).

Three-mile run—1, O'Donnell Joshua, Pioneer Club; 2, John Curran, N. Y. A. C.; 3, Robert Heller, Pioneer Club; 4, Joseph Burns, Pioneer Club. Time—16:12.5.

880-yard run—1, Lester Wallack, N. Y. A. C.; 2, Alfred Williams, Pioneer Club; 3, Vincent Coiro, Pioneer Club; 4, Mike Caraftis, N. Y. A. C. Time—1:55.1 (new record, old record, 1:55.6, set by Jerry Connolly, N. Y. A. C., in 1947; tied by Michael Stanley, N. Y. A. C., 1952).

One-mile run—1, Andrew De Phillips, N. Y. A. C.; 2, Franklyn Russel, Tarrytown Spike and Shoe Club; 3, Arthur Dunn, N. Y. A. C.; 4, Jerry Ballance, Pioneer Club. Time—4:41.4.

100-yard dash—1, Robert Thomas, Pioneer Club; 2, Walter Raphael, N. Y. A. C.; 3, William Warren, Pioneer Club; 4, George Philipps, N. Y. A. C. Time—0:09.8 (ties record held jointly by John Zegger, N. Y. A. C., 1949, and Henry Thresher, N. Y. A. C., 1950).

120-yard high hurdles—1, John Duenzl, N. Y. A. C.; 2, Thomas Wilson, Pioneer Club; 3, Basil Johnson, unattached; 4, Bruce McDonald, Pioneer Club. Time—0:16.

440-yard run—1, Lawrence Brailsford, Pioneer Club; 2, Ronald Mallory, Pioneer Club; 3, Charles Davis, Pioneer Club; 4, Cyril Tyson, Pioneer Club. Time—0:48.7 (new record, old record 0:48.8 set by James McKenna, N. Y. A. C., 1947; tied by Richard Malocco, Pioneer Club, 1949).

One-mile walk—Bruce McDonald, Pioneer Club; 2, Marshall Fox, N. Y. A. C.; 3, Daniel Clancy, Pioneer Club; 4, Walter J. Drescher, unattached. Time—8:09.7.

220-yard hurdles—1, Grover Nulty, N. Y. A. C.; 2, Frank Pellegrini, N. Y. A. C.; 3, Morton Diamond, Pioneer Club; 4, Charles G. Burton, N. Y. A. C. Time—0:24.4. (Ties meet record held jointly by J. W. Lincoln, Princeton, 1929, and Ennis Gray, N. Y. A. C., 1947).

220-yard dash—1, Walter Raphael, N. Y. A. C.; 2, William Warren, Pioneer Club; 3, Robert Thomas, Pioneer Club; 4, John Terranova, Pioneer Club. Time—0:21.4 (New meet record, old record, 0:21.6 set by Joe Cianciabella, Grand Street Boys, 1947).

FIELD EVENTS

Javelin—1, Larry Shanahan, N. Y. A. C., 171 feet ¼ inch; 2, Michael Stecz, St. Paul's C. C., 166 feet 2 inches; 3, Robert Simpson, N. Y. A. C., 163 feet 9 inches; 4, Robert Jakubowski, St. Paul's C. C., 161 feet 8 inches.

12-lb hammer throw—1, Alexander Shastik, unattached, 168 feet 8 inches; 2, Norman Madoian, unattached, 148 feet 8½ inches; 3, Gordon McMillan, Pioneer Club, 134 feet 3½ inches; 4, Alcino Neves, unattached, 134 feet 3½ inches.

Pole vault—1, tie between Robert Bruce Waldo Jr., unattached, and John Beni, Tarrytown Spike and Shoe Club, 12 feet; 3, F. Peter Carothers, N. Y. A. C., 11 feet 6 inches; 4, tie among George Pavlides, Pioneer Club, Chris Pavlides, Pioneer Club, Arthur Blitman, Pioneer Club and Thomas Culligan, N. Y. A. C., 10 feet 6 inches.

12-lb shot put—1, Donald Bell, N. Y. A. C., 56 feet 1½ inches; 2, Frank Haughton, N. Y. A. C., 51 feet; 3, Robert Philippe, Tarrytown Spike and Shoe Club, 49 feet 1½ inches; 4, Gordon McMillen, Pioneer Club, 46 feet 11½ inches.

High jump—1, John Duenzl, N. Y. A. C., 6 feet 2 inches; 2, tie among Richard Shipley, N. Y. A. C.; James Doyle, N. Y. A. C. and Joseph Iurato, Tarrytown Spike and Shoe Club, 6 feet ¾ inch.

Broad jump—1, Robert Simpson, N. Y. A. C., 21 feet 9 inches; 2, John Duenzl, N. Y. A. C., 21 feet 6½ inches; 3, Robert Thomas, Pioneer Club, 20 feet 8 inches; 4, Henry Burchett, Pioneer Club, 20 feet 3¾ inches.

35-pound weight throw—1, Alcino Reves, unattached, 42 feet 1 inch; 2, Gordon McMillan, Pioneer Club, 38 feet 10 inches; 3, Donald Bell, N. Y. A. C.; 35 feet 7 inches; 4, Richard Campbell, Tarrytown Spike and Shoe Club, 34 feet.

Discus—1, Alfred Oerter, N. Y. A. C., 132 feet 8½ inches; 2, Matthew Poljanic, Pioneer Club, 130 feet 5 inches; 3, Frank Haughton, N. Y. A. C., 127 feet 4 inches; 4, John Henville, 125 feet 9 inches.

Hop, step and jump—1, Bernard Kirsner, Brooklyn College, 42 feet 11¾ inches; 2, Jim Terranova, Pioneer Club, 41 feet 9 inches; 3, Charles Maute, unattached, 41 feet 3½ inch; 4, Robert Simpson, N. Y. A. C., 41 feet.

TEAM POINT SCORE:

N. Y. A. C.	89¼	Brooklyn College	5
Pioneer Club	73¾	St. Paul C. C., Jersey City	4
Tarrytown Spike and Shoe Club	12		

Mal Whitfield, Stanfield Snap Marks in 880, 220

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By GEORGE DUNMORE

DAYTON, Ohio—Negro track and field stars, representing teams from all sections of the country, won six events and created two new meet records while tying two others in the annual Amateur Athletic Union's National Track and Field Championships held this year in the birthplace of aviation.

Sellout crowds on both Friday night and Saturday saw records set by sepia stars in the 880-yard run and the 220-yard dash, and records tied in the 100-yard dash and the 440-yard low hurdles.

Friday night was by far the biggest night for the sepia athletes when they won four events. Olympians Mal Whitfield, Art Bragg and George Brown set the pace by winning the 880-yard, the 100 and the running broad jump, respectively.

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WHITFIELD, PERHAPS the track and field's most outstanding performer this year, set the first new meet record when he streaked through the finals of the 800 in 1:51.1 to surpass the 1:52.6 clocking by Edwin Genung in 1931.

Whitfield, who is also one of the world's best quarter-milers, passed up a chance to defend his 440-yard dash championship, concentrating on and winning the 880 for Grand Street Boys Club.

Henry Cryer, the ex-Illinois University track star now with the U. S. Army, who competed for the CYO, was credited with pushing Whitfield to the new meet mark. Whitfield was third coming around the south curve and pulled into the first in the back stretch and relaxed into his easy long stride. Cryer made his move about this time but only succeeded in pushing "Marvelous Mal" to the new meet record.

The highlight Friday night was a blanket finish in the 100-yard dash which resulted in a tying of the meet record when Morgan State's Art Bragg, Kansas State's Thane Baker and Jim Golliday, former Northwestern University football and track star now with the U. S. Army, all broke the tape in 0:9.5 to equal the meet record set by Frank Wycoff and Emmet Toppino in 1931, but the photo-timer ruled that Bragg was the winner. The finish was so close that a decision as to the sixth place winner was reversed on Saturday.

Morgan State produced another winner and a record tyer when Josh Culbreath won the 440-yard hurdles in 0:52.5 to have that mark entered in the official record book along with the former record of 0:52.3/5 in 1927.

George Brown, the 1952 Olympic broad jump star, easily won the broad jump when he leaped 25 feet 10¾ inches on one of his early jumps to out-distance his fellow competitors with only two other men clearing 24 feet. Brown, also with the Army, competed for the Santa Clara Youth Center.

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FRIDAY NIGHT'S action saw J. W. Mashburn repeat earlier performances when he defeated world record holder Herb McKenley in the 440-yard dash with a 0:47.1 clocking to set a new meet record.

On Saturday, sepia thinclads captured only two of eleven events as the thermometer soared to 90 degrees in the shade and 100 degrees-plus in the grand stand.

The New York Pioneer Club's George Shaw won the hop, step and jump with a total distance of 47 feet 8 inches to top the sepia-studded field with four of the remaining five places being won by race athletes.

Andy Stanfield, the ex-Seton Hall and Olympic star, now with the Grand Street Boys' Club, who was forced out of Friday night's 100-yard dash finals with a slightly pulled muscle, came back strong on Saturday to win the 220-yard dash in record time, 0:21.2, to shave a tenth of a second off the record set by George Simpson of Ohio State in 1930. Art Bragg, who won the century the day before, was second, and Herb McKinley, fifth.

Decathlon star Milt Campbell placed second in both hurdle events behind the meet's only double-winner—Jack Davis of the Navy. Campbell competed for the Plainfield (N. J.) Boosters.

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ROBERT S. ABBOTT MEMORIAL Mile Relay championship in the Madden Park annual track and field meet at Madden Park, 3800 Rhodes avenue, was won by the Peoria (Ill.) A. C., and took home the trophy awarded by the Chicago Defender. Left to right are Ted Loomes, Peoria AC, and K. A. Bristol, supervisor Madden Park, who presented the trophy.

Jay SAYS

PRESS DISPATCHES from San Antonio, Texas, dwelt more on the victory of Miss Dolores Ann Dwyer of Long Island, N. Y., 1952 U. S. Olympic star, in the final of the 200 meters in the national women's senior A. A. U. track meet Miss Barbara Jones, Chicago C. Y. O. and teammate of Miss Dwyer on the Olympic team in '52, was second.

Due to the meet being held on Saturday night, July 25, most of the Sunday morning papers of July 26 carried scant notice of the senior events. The senior national championships were run off Friday night, July 2 and foxy Cleve Abbott, the veteran coach at Tuskegee Institute "tossed the books" at 'em. For years, the Tuskegee girls track teams have astounded the nation with their consistence excellent performance and spirit. Only the founder, Booker T. Washington, and the great scientist, George Washington Carver, could claim as much space having been given them in the newspapers as Abbott's track girls.

Plodding along, without a whole lot of finances, Major Abbott has inspired other organizations to go in for "women in athletics" and proudly points to the success of his proteges in the teaching field and to those who are mothers.

Just about the time others predict that Abbott is about to "run out of material," along he comes, like a magician, and "pulls victories out of his hat." Where does he get these girls? Tuskegee has fielded, with but a few exceptions, a national A. A. U. championship track team, either junior or senior and sometimes both.

Miss Alice Coachman, now Mrs. N. F. Davis, won the 1948 Olympic high jump in London, Eng. Before attending Albany State college, Georgia, Miss Coachman was a member of Tuskegee's years and her teammates were the Misses Lily Purifoy, Rowena Harrison, Jessica Abbott, Lula Hymes, Bessie Hayes and others. Tuskegee girls regularly are mainstays on U. S. Olympic track teams.

Some thought, after these girls had graduated, that "those days are gone forever." You never got so fooled in your life.

In San Antonio's national junior meet's 200 meters final—Edyth Moten, Tuskegee, first; Alice Pugh, Tuskegee, second; Rosie Chapman, Tuskegee, fourth, Josephine Gilmore, Tuskegee, sixth. Miss Gilmore was third in the 50-meters dash which was won by Hazel Watkins, Chicago CYO.

Lula Bell, Tuskegee, was third and Alice Gordon, Tuskegee, fifth in the shot put. Miss Bell was second in the 80 meters hurdles. Miss Pugh won the broad jump.

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The 400-meters relay was won by Chicago CYO B team but Tuskegee's A and B teams finished second and fourth, respectively.

Tuskegee was second in the 280 meters shuttle hurdle relay which was won by the CYO. The Alabama team came through with flying colors in the 100-meters dash. The Misses Gilmore, Pugh and Moten finished one-two-three and Rosie Chapman ran fifth.

The quartet of Moten, Chapman Matthews and Jackson romped to victory over the Chicago CYO and first place for the A relay team in the 800-meters relay while the Tuskegee B. team was second in the javelin toss with Tuskegee's Curtestine Reed, sixth. Joanette Cantrell and Mildred McDaniel both of Tuskegee tied for first place in the high jump and Anna Gordon's 108 feet, 4 inches gave Tuskegee victory in the discus event.

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Again In The Ugly Spotlight

When Harvard University refused to accept an invitation to the Southern Relays, scheduled for April 4 at Legion Field, because Alan Howe, its Negro track star would be barred, this put the name of Birmingham back in the ugly spotlight.

Birmingham had no city ordinance expressedly banning sports competition based upon naked merit until September 21, 1950. Ordinance 798-F was adopted after Wally Triplett, star Negro halfback, came to Birmingham as a member of the Detroit Lions football team to play the Washington Redskins in the now abandoned benefit Pro Bowl. This was a step backward and served only one year later to serve the death knell of a game which could not survive under such a bad law and evil practice.

Mobile and Montgomery stand for no such small-mindedness. In both of these Alabama cities, one the Cradle of the Old Confederacy and the other historic in its ways, Negro and white players on visiting major league baseball clubs have competed against each other in Spring exhibition games. This seems to be the free enterprise system at work. Competition is the heartbeat of our capitalistic system. To stifle it in sports is to smother it in society. The damage done by laws which ban competition because of prejudice is unspeakable in a democracy.

The promoters make the point that it is the law rather than they who are at fault. Yet they observe that Harvard had an opportunity to know that interracial sports competition is unlawful in this city. The information, the promoters say, is written on the entry blanks. Three times previously, Harvard with an all-white team, participated in the relays. This time it is claimed thot the school said it was a lack of funds which caused its withdrawal. It would have been more courageous for Harvard to have dumped its turning down the bid on the basis of the racial laws, if that were the case.

The relays are promoted by the Chamber of Commerce Athletic Committee. Everyone knows that the Chamber of Commerce represents power. It has represented progressive economic forces in this city. It knows that good human relations are good economic relations. It is to be hoped that the Chamber of Commerce will take the enlightened view and help to brighten the name of Birmingham.

We regret that our city is not yet matured enough to permit free and open athletic competition based upon skill and merit. The American heritage is rooted in equality of opportunity. Ordinance 798F is at war with the American credo.

Whitfield Equals His Own Record in 600

CHICAGO—Two old track stars who, somehow, have retained the spring of youth in their creaking joints, scored twin victories here Saturday night in the annual Chicago Daily News Relays.

They were Mal Whitfield, the slim antelope from Ohio State and baldin Harrison Dillard, the immortal of Baldwin-Wallace.

WHITFIELD, two-time Olympic 800-meter champion, equalled his own world's indoor mark for the 600 meters.

The long-striding sepia star ran brilliantly in the 600-yard event, one of the features of the big meet, winning going away. He took the lead at the start and never was in trouble.

A special group of clockers waited for him to cross the 500-meter mark, about 50 yards before the finish, and caught him in 1:02.9, equalling the record he set a month ago in Madison Square Garden.

His time for the total distance was 1:09.7, cutting a full second off the old Chicago relays mark of 1:10.8 set by Herb McKenley of Illinois in 1946, and tied by George Guida of Villanova in 1948.

It was the third time in a row that Mal had won the event here in Chicago. The 28-year-old ex-soldier ran for the Grand Street Boys' Club of New York.

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AFTER SCORING that first important victory, Mal came back to win the 1,000-yard run in 02:13. It was the first time anyone had scored two victories in the meet since 1947 when Dillard won both the sprint and hurdles, which he did again this time.

Dillard came up with two wins triumphing in the hurdles and the dash. He skimmed over the 60-yard high hurdles in 0:07.3 to win the event for the seventh consecutive year.

The public relations man for the Cleveland Indians Baseball Club, beat out Michigan's Van Bruner by two good strides. His time was two-tenths of a second off his American indoor record.

Dillard, 29 years old, 100-meter champion in the 1948 Olympics and boss of the hurdlers last summer at Helsinki, also won the 60-yard dash. He thus became the first double winner in the meet since he originally turned the trick here in 1947. His time for the 60-yard dash was 05:4.2 under the meet record.

The two bronze speedsters, Dillard and Whitfield, stole the show. They were the only double winners in the meet, which attracted 17,000 fans.

Tan Athletes Make Fine Showing In Nebraska High School Relays

By BURT F. NEWTON

MEMORIAL STADIUM, LINCOLN, Neb. — Anderson Cousins' record matching win in the 440, Charles Jones' performance in the mile and Dave Seals' winning of the 100 and 220 yard events were features of notable achievement by tan athletes at the Nebraska State High School track meet in Lincoln Friday and Saturday, May 15 and 16.

Run In Four Classes

The Nebraska prep track meet is run in four classes based on enrollment. Event winner with best performance for the four classes is given a gold medal. First five finishers in each event score points.

All Negro athletes were from class A Omaha schools. However, the class A championship went to Scottsbluff, a team from Western Nebraska with depth and a record breaking performer in the pole vault and broad jump. Omaha Tech was second and Boys Town finished third.

Cousins from Omaha Central came from behind to beat Bobby Hicks of Boys Town in the 440 in the time of :50.5. This equals the Nebraska prep record and gave Cousins the gold medal.

Hicks had beat Cousins in the district meet and had won his heat on Friday in :52.5. Cousins won his preliminary heat in :51.3. Cousins was the event's gold medal winner in 1952.

Deacon Wins Mile

Charles (Deacon) Jones won the mile as expected in the fine time of 4:31.6. Jones, the versatile Boys Town star, (all state in football and basketball) had been expected to break the Nebraska prep school mile record of 4:26.2. However, rain before and during the mile race and lack of any competition for Jones were factors in keeping the Boys Town ace from a record breaking performance. Jones, a great favorite with Nebraska sports fans, was given a great ovation for his mile performance.

Jones is only a junior but will not be allowed any further athletic competition. He reaches the age limit of 19 on August 31. Nebraska prep athletes become ineligible if they become 19 before September 1.

Jones, besides his gold medal mile preformance, ran a leg on the Boys Town gold medal winnin mile relay team.

Seals Wins Century

Dave Seals of Omaha Tech wo the 100 yard dash in :10.3 and 22 in :22.9. Seals also ran the first leg on Tech's gold medal winning 880 yard relay team. Seals had to share the gold medal in both the 100 and 220. His time was equalled in the 100 by a class B and C performer and the class B athlete also equalled the time in the 220.

Charles Morris of Omaha Tech won the class A high jump with a leap of 5feet 11½ inches. This was not a gold medal performance as a new state record was made by a class B performer. Morris, 15, is a freshman.

Robert Gibson of Omaha Tech tied for second in the class A high jump with a 5 feet 9 1-4 leap. Gibson also competed in the broad jump but did not place.

Omaha Tech's all tan 880 relay quartet of Dave Seals, Herbert Lloyd Hunter Jr., and Haskell Lee won in the time of 1:33.3. This was a gold medal performance.

Win for Boys Town

Boys Town all Negro 880 relay quartet. Joe Williams, Nat Knowles, John Medlock, and Ray Williams, finished fourth.

Three of the Boys Town mile relay gold medal winning quartet were Negroes. They were Al Thompson, Charles Jones, and Bobby Hicks. Time for the mile relay was 3:35.6.

Ray Williams, Boys Town, was third in the 100 yard dash.

Bobby Hicks, Boys Town, besides running second to Cousins in the 440, was second in the 220 and ran anchor on the Boys Town Mile relay team. Hicks is a junior.

Haskell Lee Second

Haskell Lee finished second in his preliminary heat in the 100 but did not place in the finals. Lee ran in the 220 winning his prelim heat and finishing fourth in the finals. He ran the anchor leg on Omaha Tech's gold medal winning 880 relay team.

Robert Bass of Omaha Tech finished third in the broad jump with a leap of 20 feet 10 3-4 inches.

Oscar Beasley, Creighton Prep, finished fourth in the mile.

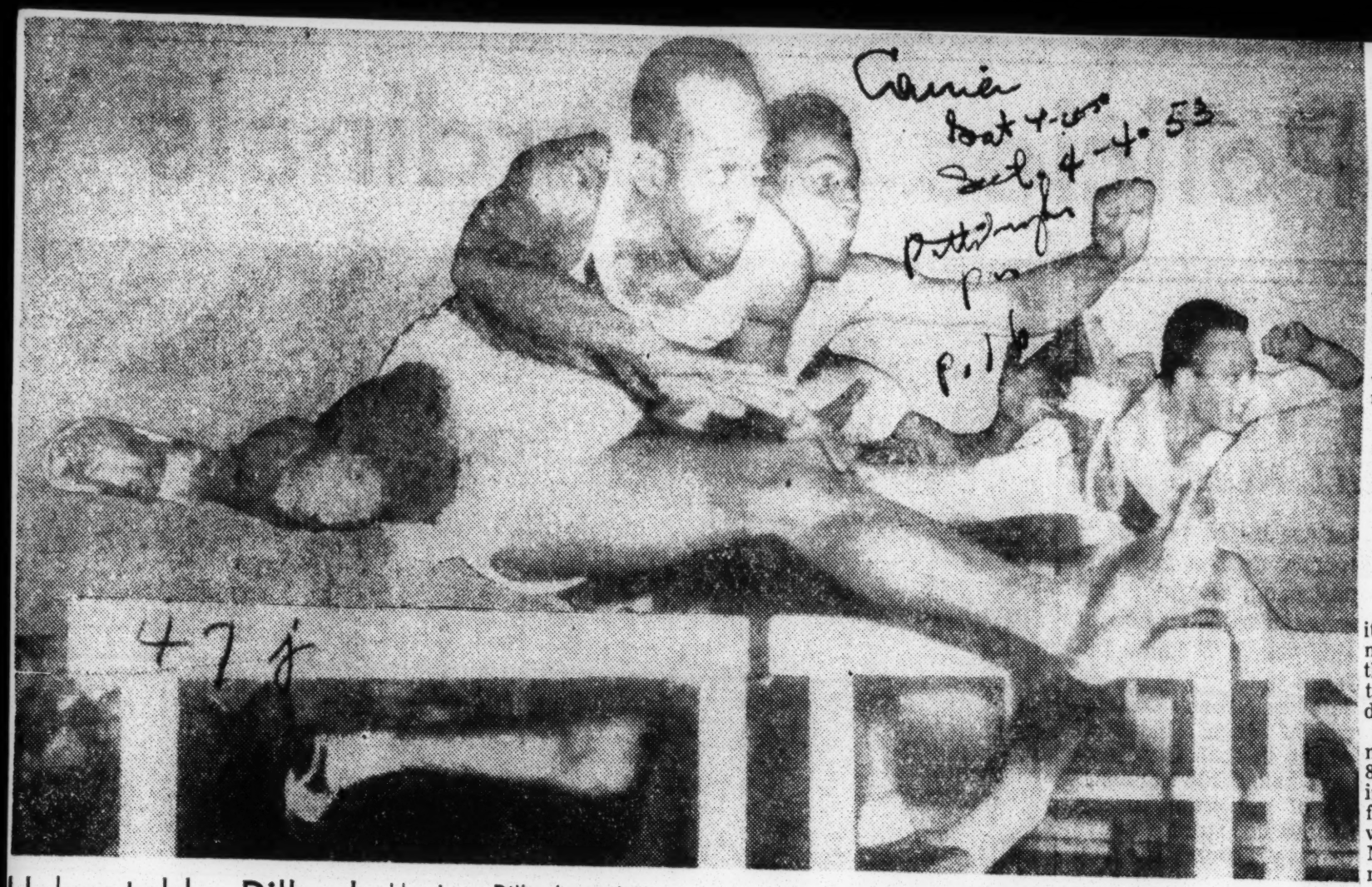
Keith Banks of Omaha Central was third in his heat of the 880 yard run but his time was not good enough for a place.

Jesse Brown and James Morrison ran on the Omaha Tech mile relay team which did not place. Donavan Gatus ran anchor on the Boys Town two mile relay team. The Cowboys failed to place in this event.

Neither man scored points.

The following boys ran in preliminary events but did not qualify for the finals: Lloyd Hunter Jr., Omaha Tech, 180 low hurdles; Archie Sanders, Omaha Tech, 120 high hurdles; Rodney Wead, Omaha Central, 100 yard dash.

Parks of Omaha Tech ran in the mile and Woods of Omaha Tech was in the broad jump.



Unbeatable Dillard—Harrison Dillard, probably the greatest hurdler trackdom has ever known, displays the form that enables him to win so consistently at his specialty. The Olympic champion is winning the 45-yard high hurdles at the recent K. of C. indoor track meet in Cleveland in the above race. Second is Van Bruner, University of Michigan (center), and third was Joel McNuly, University of Illinois.

Gooden Does 1:53.8 In Baltimore Race

Morgan Senior Clips Tenth Of Second Off Brown Record

BALTIMORE — Morgan State College thinclads continued to dominate Eastern track circles here Saturday afternoon, winning a hard-fought dual meet with the Baltimore fast-rising Olympic Club team.

Luis Gooden

Outstanding performance of the card was a record-shattering victory by Luis Gooden in the 880-yard run, a 1:53.8 achievement that clipped one-tenth of a second off the Hughes Stadium mark by Bill Brown, former track captain and Olympic squad member from the local school.

Gooden was pushed to his record by hard-running Gus Ormrod, of the BOC, with the former's teammate, Howard Morgan, finishing third.

Despite the fact the Golden Bears were outnumbered, 8-7, in first-place victories by their stubborn opponents, the former piled up a commanding advantage in second and third places to gain a team edge of 71-60 in points at the day's end.

Bragg Absent

Competing without the aid of their famed captain, Art Bragg, the college champions still swept the 100-yard dash finish, Ken Kave, Larry Griffin and Byron LaBeach, snapping into the tape in that order.

Kave and Griffin are freshmen and the winner was credited with a flashy 9.7 timing.

The Olympics snatched up the honors in the 220-yard sprint, however. Their ace, Carl Cager, bounced into the wire in the van of Griffin and LaBeach in the sparking time of 22 seconds flat.

Another BOC triumph saw Tex Carter hit the finish line ahead of Morgan's Josh Culbreath and Don Henley in the 120-yard high hurdles, a trick he turned in 14.9 seconds.

Higgins Cops Javelin

A toss of 207 feet gave Charles Higgins the javelin title for the clubmen, but the Bears were back to make amends in a mile-relay stint which used up only 3:16.8 on the stopwatch and gave them a handy margin at the wire.

In this climactic event, coach Eddie Hurt used his sixth different combination in as many meets, going with Griffin, Otis Johnson, Herb Washington and Culbreath.

220 Yd. Dash — won by Carl Kave, Morgan; second, Larry Griffin, Morgan; third, Byron LaBeach, Morgan; Time — 9.7.

220 Yd. Diash — won by Carl Cager, BOC; second, Larry Griffin, Morgan; third, Byron LaBeach, Morgan; Time — 22.0.

440 Yd. Dash — Won by Otis Johnson, Morgan; second, Herb Washington, Morgan; third, Bernard Boasmond, Morgan; Time— 49.3.

880 Yd. Run — Won by Louis Gooden, Morgan; second, Gus Ormrod, BOC; third, Howard Morgan, Morgan; Time — 1:53.8.

One - Mile Run — Won by Ray Horsley, BOC; second, Donald Johnson, Morgan, third; Clover Street, Morgan; Time 4:33.5.

120-Yd. High Hurdles — Won by Tex Carter, BOC; second, Josh Culbreath, Morgan; third, Don Henley, Morgan; Time — 14.9.

220-Yd. Low Hurdles — Won by Herman Wade, Morgan; second, Josh Culbreth, Morgan; third, Tex Carter, BOC; Time — 25.1

Broad Jump — Won by Robert Robinson, Morgan; second, Don Henley, Morgan; third, Morty Cohen, BOC; Distance—22 ft., 11¾ in.

High Jump — Won by Bob Lambert, BOC; second, (Tie) Kenneth Kave and Herman Wade, Morgan; Height — 6 ft., 1 in.

Pole Vault — won by Stan Goldberg, BOC; second, Lyle DeLoach, BOC; third, Robert Leishier, BOC; Height — 11 ft., 6 in.

Shot Put — Won by Ted Murray, Morgan; second, Ed McComas, BOC; third, Bill Andrae, BOC; Distance—43 ft., 9 7/8 in.

Discus Throw — won by Willard Leach, BOC; second, Tim Holley, Morgan; third, Bill Andrae, BOC; Distance — 128 feet., 8 in.

Javelin Throw — Won by Charles Higgins, BOC; second, Dan Hoffman, BOC; third, Ted Murray, Morgan; Distance — 207 ft.

Mile Relay — Won by Morgan (Larry Griffin, Otis Johnson, Herb Washington, Josh Culbreath) — 3 min.. 16.8 sec.

5 West Coast Track Titles Are Annexed

COMPTON, Cal.—Tan competitors won and shared in winning five first-place awards in the annual Compton invitation track and field meet here Friday night.

Andy Stanfield, Olympic 200-meter champion, captured the 880, and George Brown scored in the broad jump. Later, Stanfield and Whitfield teamed with white Morris Curotta and Herb McKenley to romp off with the mile-relay event.

Stanfield recorded a 9.7 clocking in winning the 100, and was caught in 20.8 seconds in the 220. Whitfield's 880 triumph was a 1:49 effort, and Brown leaped 25 feet, one-half inch for his broadjump win.

UCLA's Rod Richard was second to Stanfield in both the dash events.

The relay event was a sparkling 3:11.5 effort.

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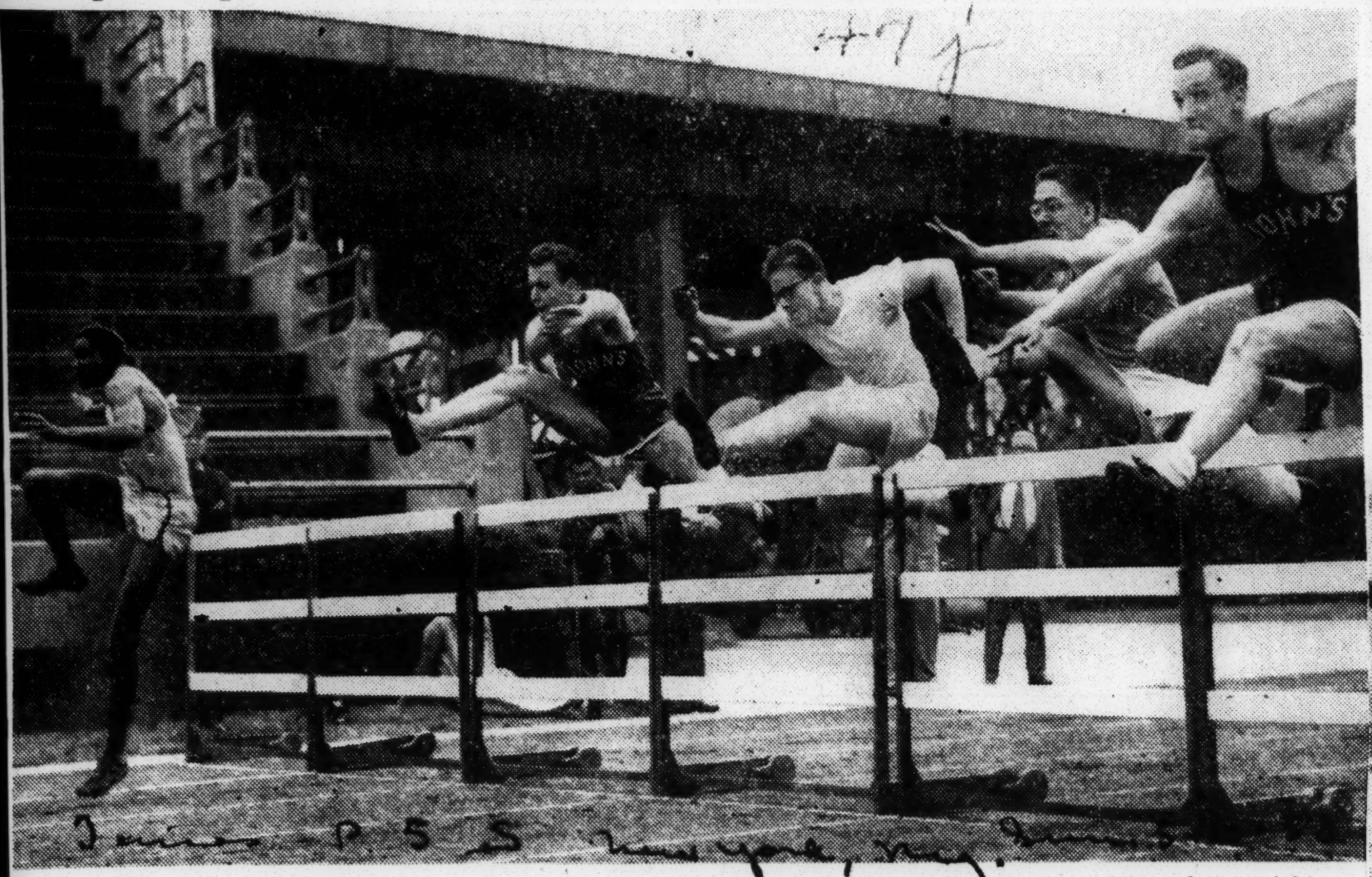


Charles Pratt, left, of Manhattan winning the 120-yard high hurdles event at Triborough Stadium. Others, left to right, are John Duenzl and Thomas Collins of St. John's; Robert Wilkinson of Columbia and Raymond Brennan of St. John's.

George Show of Columbia, who won the running broad jump with leap of 22 feet 6⅛ inches

MANHATTAN'S TEAM KEEPS TRACK TITLE

Tops Metropolitan Meet for the Fourth Straight Year —Remigino, Pratt Star

By WILLIAM J. BRIORDY

Piling up points in wholesale fashion, George Eastment's Manhattan College squad captured the team title for the fourth straight year in the twentieth annual metropolitan intercollegiate track and field championships at Triborough Stadium, Randalls Island, yesterday.

Scoring in all of the sixteen varsity tests on a program that included a like number of freshman events, the Jaspers produced two double winners in Lindy Remigino, Olympic 100-meter champion, and Charles Pratt.

Remigino, plagued by five injuries since last November, and who won his first race as a senior last week in a dual meet against Army at West Point, demonstrated that he was back in top form when sped home the winner in the century and 220-yard dashes to keep both titles.

An indication of the Jaspers' strength is that they swept the first three places in the 100 and 220. Remigino was caught in 0:09.9 for the century, three-tenths of a second from the meet standard, and 0:21.6 for the 220.

Leading all the way and hitting the tape six yards in front of a teammate, Bill Schertzer, Pratt tied the meet mark for the 120-yard high hurdles when he was clocked in 0:15. Then Pratt returned to capture the 220-yard low hurdles in 0:24.. Pratt, second in the broad jump, picked up 14 points for the Jaspers.

Manhattan rolled up 105 points for the varsity laurels, with St. John's the runner-up. The Redmen had 41½ tallies, followed by Columbia, with 35, Fordham, 30, and New York University, 27½. The freshman team crown was taken by St. John's with 79 points, while Manhattan was next with 55 and N. Y. U. third with 50. The freshman games were not held last year.

Seven Jasper athletes accounted for nine varsity titles. In all there were three double winners. Columbia's Albert Thompson kept the 16-pound shot-put and discus honors. The Lion star got 12 points. He also was fourth in the hammer throw.

Remigino, who figures to be sharp for the I. C. 4-A games later this month—that's Eastment's outlook on his star sprinter—won the century by inches as Joe Schatzle closed fast. Jack O'Connell was a few yards back in third spot.

In the 220, Lindy was the pacesetter all the way and hit the worsted two yards ahead of Schatzle. And O'Connell was third again as the Jaspers got off to a flying start.

Fast Two-Mile By Egan

Two new marks were established in the varsity portion. Manhattan's Frank Egan set a record in the two-mile run when he won in 9:23.9 to eclipse the old figures of 9:31.1 set by Bill Lucas, Manhattan, last year. Leading most of the way, Egan was home 120 yards in front of Johnny Johnson, St. John's.

Another Jasper, Steve Dillon, tossed the hammer 179 feet 8 inches. the performance was the best ever in the event for Dillon, who kept the crown.

THE SUMMARIES

VARSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

TRACK EVENTS

120-Yard High Hurdles—1, Charles Pratt, Manhattan; 2, William Schertzer, Manhattan; 3, John Duenzl, St. John's; 4, Ray Brennan, St. John's; 5, Tom Collins, St. John's. Time—0:15 (equals meet record set by Charles Pessoni, Manhattan, 1935).

100-Yard Dash—1, Lindy Resigno, Manhattan; 2, Joe Schatzle, Manhattan; 3, John O'Connell, Manhattan; 4, Carl Baylis, Columbia; 5, Robert Putterman, Columbia. Time—0:09.9.

One-Mile Run—1, Terry Foley, Fordham; 2, Robert Lingner, St. John's; 3, Tom Keegan, Fordham; 4, Robert Kubic, Manhattan; 5, Herbert Zipper, St. John's. Time—4:18.9.

Two-Mile Run—1, Frank Egan, Manhattan; 2, John Johnson, St. John's; 3, James Byrne, St. John's; 4, Wilfred Storz, Columbia; 5, Henry Bailey, St. John's. Time—9:23.9 (meet record; old record, 9:31.1, by William Lucas, Manhattan, 1952).

440-Yard Run—1, Ron Ferraro, Manhattan; 2, Bill Persichetty, Fordham; 3, Fred Schlereth, Columbia; 4, Howard Williams, Columbia; 5, Larry Brailsford, St. John's. Time—0:48.8.

880-Yard Run—1, Lou Jones, Manhattan; 2, Tom Courtney, Fordham; 3, Larry Cody, St. John's; 4, Robert Cisneros, Fordham; 5, Robert Goodwin, Manhattan. Time—1:54.9.

220-Yard Low Hurdles—1, Charles Pratt, Manhattan; 2, Grover Nulty, St. John's; 3, Francis Pellegrini, Manhattan; 4, Fred McGee, St. John's; 5, Ray Brennan, St. John's. Time—0:24.2.

220-Yard Dash—1, Lindy Remigino, Manhattan; 2, Joe Schatzle, Manhattan; 3, John O'Connell, Manhattan; 4, Carl Baylis, Columbia; 5, Robert Futterman, Columbia. Time—0:21.6.

One-Mile Relay—1, Fordham (John O'Hare, Herb Day, Tom Keegan, Bill Persichetty); 2, Columbia; 3, Manhattan; 4, N. Y. U. (St. John's finished third, but was disqualified for fouling). Time—3:19.

FIELD EVENTS

Broad Jump—1, George Shaw, Columbia, 22 feet 6¾ inches; 2, Charles Pratt, Manhattan, 22 feet 3¾ inches; 3, John Nuenzl, St. John's, 21 feet 2¼ inches; 4, Robert Drobinski, aMnhattan, 20 feet 8¾ inches; 5, James O'Connor, St. John's, 20 feet 4¾ inches.

Javelin—1, Harry Settino, N. Y. U., 166 feet 7½ inches; 2, George Carty, Manhattan, 163 feet 5½ inches; 3, Philip Vincenzes, Fordham, 158 feet ¼ inch; 4, John McCarthy, Manhatan, 153 feet 4 inches; 5, Harry Nichols, Manhattan, 137 feet 9¾ inches.

Hammer Throw—1, Steve Dillon, Manhattan, 179 feet 8 inches (meet record; old record, 172 feet 5¾ inches, by Dillon, 1952); 2, Martin Engel, N. Y. U., 165 feet 9⅞ inches; 3, Stanley Citron, N. Y. U., 162 feet 10 inches; 4, Albert Thompson, Columbia, 155 feet 7⅞ inches; 5, Vincent Gattullo, St. John's, 155 feet 3¼ inches.

Pole Vault—1, Charles Stevenson, N. Y. U., 12 feet 6 inches; 2, tie between Frank Horrigan, Fordham, and Vincent Galle, Manhattan, 11 feet 6 inches; 4, tie among Gerald Zurlini, Manhattan, Peter Byrnes, St. John's, and William Bason, Columbia, 11 feet.

Discus—1, Albert Thompson, Columbia, 143 feet 6¾ inches; 2, Steve Dillon, Manhattan, 127 feet 10 inches; 3, John McCarthy, Manhattan, 127 feet 3½ inches; 4, Martin Engel, N. Y. U., 125 feet 9¼ inches; 5, John Pavacic, Manhattan, 123 feet 4⅝ inches.

High Jump—1, Frank Gaffney, Manhattan, 6 feet 2 inches; 2, John Duenzl, St. John's, 5 feet 11 inches; 3, tie between George Carty, Manhattan, and Charles Stevenson, N. Y. U., 5 feet 10 inches; 5, tie between Tom Salmon, Fordham, and Grover Nulty, St. John's, 5 feet 9 inches.

Shot-Put—1, Albert Thomson, Columbia, 50 feet 3 inches; 2, Martin Engel, N. Y. U., 50 feet 3 inches; 3, Al Larsen, Manhattan, 46 feet 10⅝ inches; 4, John Pavacic, Manhattan, 45 feet inches; 5, Vincent Gattullo, St. John's 44 feet 9½ inches.

FRESHMAN MEET

TRACK EVENTS

120-Yard High Hurdles—1, Lawrence Snow, N. Y. U.; 2, Matthew Genovese, Columbia; 3, Donald Kernodle, Columbia; 4, Robert Flynn, St. John's; no fifth. Time—0:16.3.

100-Yard Dash—1, Leonard Grace, N. Y. U.; 2, Leonard Moore, Manhattan; 3, Robert Thomas, Brooklyn; 4, Joseph Bealrsto, Manhattan; 5, Philip Benson, Columbia. Time—0:13.3.

One-Mile Run—1, William St. Clair, Manhattan; 2, Richard Russell, St. John's; 3, George King, N. Y. U.; 4, Val Simons, Fordham; 5, George Kaufman, St. John's. Time—4:31.2.

Two-Mile Run—1, Robert Sbarra, Manhattan; 2, Donald Townsend, St. John's; 3, George King, N. Y. U.; 4, Michael Mahoney, St. John's; 5, William B. Zbomy, Columbia. Time—9:54.4.

880-Yard Run—1, Bruce Lockerbie, N. Y. U.; 2, David Daly, St. John's; 3, Manuel Peralta, N. Y. U.; 4, James De Braggio, Manhattan; 5, Richard Jefferson, St. John's. Time—1:59.2.

220-Yard Low Hurdles—1, Robert Flynn, St. John's; 2, Lawrence Snow, N. Y. U.; 3, Matthew Genovese, Columbia; 4, Donald Kernodle, Columbia; no fifth. Time—0:26.8.

220-Yard Dash—1, Leonard Moore, Manhattan; 2, Leonard Grace, N. Y. U.; 3, Robert Thomas, Brooklyn; 4, Ray Frazier, N. Y. U.; 5, Joseph Bealrsto, Manhattan. Time—0:22.4.

440-Yard Run—1, Vincent Coiro, St. John's; 2, Ray Frazier, N. Y. U.; 3, Milton R. Bissegger Jr., Columbia; 4, Arthur L. Frank, Columbia; 5, Robert Howard, Manhattan. Time—0:51.4.

Mile Relay—1, St. John's (Gene Grennan, George Kaufman, David Daly, Vincent Coiro); 2, N. Y. U.; 3, Columbia; 4, Fordham; 5, Manhattan. Time—3:29.4.

FIELD EVENTS

Broad Jump—1, James Spain, St. John's; 2, Leonard Moore, Manhattan; 3, Leonard Grace, N. Y. U.; 4, Gene Grennan, St. John's; 5, Gordon Stratton, Columbia. Distance—21 feet 5⅛ inches.

Pole Vault—1, Charles Serra, Manhattan, 12 feet; 2, tie between George Pavlides, St. John's, and Ralph Longworth, Columbia, 11 feet (only three entries.

Hammer Throw—1, Norman Madoin, N. Y. U.; 2, Joseph Sefsik, St. John's; 3, Henry Ross, St. John's; 4, Stephen Schwartz, Columbia; 5, John Bresnihan, St. John's. Distance—115 feet 10 inches.

Javelin—1, Lawrence Shanahan, Fordham; 2, Joseph Sefsik, St. John's; 3, Patrick McNellis, Manhattan; 4, John Bresnihan, St. John's; 5, Stephen Schwartz, Columbia. Distance—161 feet 5¾ inches.

High Jump—1, Leonard Moore, Manhattan; 2, Robert Flynn, St. John's; 3, tie between Herbert Kutlow, Columbia, and Clarence Hanley, St. John's; 5, Maurice Easton, Columbia. Height—5 feet 8½ inches.

Discus—1, Frank Haughton, Manhattan; 2, Joseph Sefsik, St. John's; 3, Lawrence Shanahan, Fordham; 4, John Bresnihan, St. John's; 5, Edward Morris, Manhattan. Distance—123 feet 11½ inches.

Whitfield, Stanfield Win in L.A.

LOS ANGELES — Matchless Mal Whitfield, atomic Andy Stanfield, USLA's Rod Richards and Manhattan's Lou Jones flashed through as a fast flying foursome in dominating their specialty in the Coliseum Relays here last Friday night before nearly thirty-six thousand fans.

ANDY STANFIELD
... won 100 in 9.7

Whitfield stormed through victorious to set a new Coliseum record of 1:48.6, four-tenths of a second faster than he ran in winning the Olympic title at Helsinki.

Andy Stanfield swept the field in the 100 in 0:9.7 on a slow track, and despite the cold night, with rambling Rod Richards pulling up second, and Morgan's Art Bragg settling for third.

Richards showed lots of class and looms as a strong contender in the NCAA meet at Lincoln, Neb., next month.

Lou Jones, crack quarter-miler, paced Manhattan to the second spot in the mile relay, and placed third to J. W. Mashburn in a record 0:46.8 quarter.

As usual, Jefferson High School won the high school championships in a breeze and began pointing for the state title meet at Fresno, May 29.

Mal Sets New Mark At Los Angeles

Bragg Third To Andy In Dash; 2 Olympic Champs Defeated

LOS ANGELES — Andy Stanfield and Mal Whitfield captured two individual events and shared honors in a team victory as tan athletes captured four titles in the celebrated Coliseum Relays here Friday night.

Stanfield took the 100 - yard dash and Whitfield grabbed first place in the 880-yard run, the latter setting a new meet record of 1:49.6 in the achievement.

Also crowned champion in the annual West Coast event was George Brown, former national broad jump champion from UCLA. Brown leaped 23 feet, 6¾ inches to win his event, one in which the 1952 Olympic Games titlist, Jerry Biffle, was unplaced.

Four Champs Bow

Brown, however, was not alone in his dilemma. Other Olympians who went down to defeat during the evening were George Rhoden, the world 400 - meter champion; Walt Davis, high-jump king, and Sam Iness, discus star. The latter two are white.

Art Bragg, former national AAU and collegiate champion, was third to Stanfield in the 100-yard dash, which the Olympic 200-meter champ won in 9.7 seconds. Runner-up to Stanfield in the event was Rod Richard, of UCLA.

Following their two individual accomplishments, Stanfield and Marvelous Mal teamed with Rhoden and Herb McKenley, another Olympian, to form the Grand Street Boys Association mile relay team.

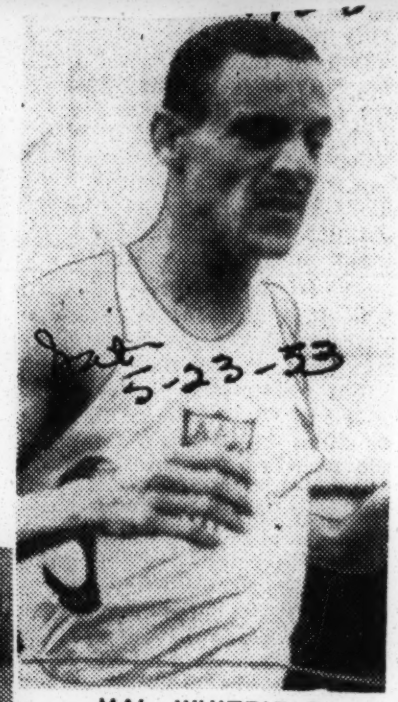
Miss Record

Although they were easy winners of the race, the clever Grand Street performers were unable to crack the world mark for the event. They hit the tape in 3:10.4, well off the 3:08.8, set by Southern California in 1941.

ANDY STANFIELD

Rhoden's setback was at the hands of white J. W. Mashburn, an alternate to the U.S. Olympic team from University of Oklahoma. Mashburn was five yards better than the former Morgan State college captain, now a medical student at NYU, and was clocked in 48.6 seconds.

Whitfield's mark of 1:49.6 was



MAL WHITFIELD

just four-tenths off his two-time Olympic victory in the half-mile test. In both 1948, at London, and 1952, at Helsinki, the long-limbed Ohioan toured the distance in 1:49.2.

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Whitfield, Rhoden, Stanfield, McKenley, Break World's Mark

By JAMES EDMUND BOYACK

NEW YORK—The four "terrors" of the indoor track meets set a new world record at the AAU National Championships in Madison Square Garden here Saturday night, in the 1,000 sprint medley relay.

The Grand Street Boys Quartet of Herb McKenley, Mal Whitfield, George Rhoden and Andy Stanfield dashed in at 1:52, faster by 7 seconds than the previous record of 1:52.7 set by Manhattan College.

McKENLEY PASSED up the 600-yard run won by team-mate Whitfield to take the first leg of 400 yards. He went ahead like a flash at the gun and came in to give Whitfield a 15-yard lead.

Mal was off in his long deceptive stride to take the next 100, keeping the lead. He gave the baton to George Rhoden who set the pace for a searing 220 with Andy Stanfield taking the last 300 at top speed, bringing the 13,000 track fans roaring to their feet as they witnessed the record-breaking event.

It was McKenley's 48.4 seconds quarter-mile that set up the record. His team-mates forced the pace from the moment he finished.

In the 600-yard run, Whitfield had to come from behind to beat Ollie Sax of Penn State, with Reggie Pearman of the Pioneer Club practically in a photo finish. The time was 1:10.4 Vernon Dixon of Manhattan College was fourth.

Sax made a desperate bid to win this one, jumping off to a 5-yard lead and keeping up a terrific pace right to the tape. Ollie has been running consistently well since the indoor season opened and was in top form for the AAU championships.

WITH A lap to go, Mal turned on his "jet engine," inching ahead until he came into the stretch when the Olympic champion went all out to pass the speeding Sax at the tape. His time broke the meet record set by Charles Moore at 1:10.9 last year.

Harrison Dillard, the balding wonderman of the hurdles won his seventh straight 60-yard AAU championship. It was his twenty-ninth straight win on the boards, making him the all-time ruler of the tall timber.

His time was 0:7.1, one-tenth off the chamiponship record he set himself in '48 and '49. He was only two-tenths off the world mark of 0:7.1 when he really was trying at Chicago on March 20, 1948.

Harrison was off like a flash and came off the last hurdle flying into the finish a stride ahead of Lee Calhoun of North Carolina College, followed by Milton Campbell of Plainfield, N. J., and Charles Pratt of Manhattan College.

The big upset of the evening was Philadelphia's Johnny Haines' one-step win over veteran Andy Stanfield in the 60-yard dash. It was a photo-finish, but the 20-year-old freshman of the University of Pennsylvania got the nod. The time was 0:6.2.

IN THIS one the old-timers around the Garden track were looking to Andy to break the world's record because he tied it at 0:6.1 in the semi-final. He looked then like a dream of speeding rhythm. But he got off to a bad start and couldn't make up that one stride that would have made the difference.

The new AAU broad jump champion is Meredith Gourdine, the Cornell boy now wearing the New York Pioneer Club banner. He won it with a leap of 24 feet 7½ inches.

Golden Bears Grab Five Titles In 59th Penn Relay Carnival

Baltimore Star Anchors 2 Sprint Relay Teams To Halt 3-Year Reign By Manhattan Quartet

By SAM LACY

PHILADELPHIA — Athletes from Morgan State College captured two individual championships, three team titles and barely missed a fourth as the 59th renewal of the famed Penn Relays track and field meet was run off here Friday and Saturday.

The Golden Bears of Eddie Hurt thrilled 32,116 shirt-sleeved fans with exciting victories in the 440-yard and 880-yard relay events, and with an easy score in the freshman mile relay championship of America to climax the final day's program.

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Earlier, they had won the 400-meter hurdles and 100-yard dash through the efforts of Josh Culbreath and Art Bragg, respectively.

The two - day carnival, the "Kentucky Derby" of the cinder world, was favored by ideal weather conditions, the first since 1948 that the sun has smiled on the affair.

Morgan, far and away, was the "thief" of the show. Her brilliant triumphs in the two sprint relay events put an end to the three-year reign of Manhattan College in these events and her score in the freshman race was her second in four years. The Bears captured the frosh crown in 1950.

Bragg "Iron Man"

With Bragg pulling his customary "iron-man" stunt — running four winning races in one day—the Baltimoreans took the 440 team title in 41.7 seconds, and 25 minutes later, garnered the 880 crown in 1:26.3.

As if that were not enough, the Morgan senior was back on the blocks within another hour to run off with the 100 - yard dash, successfully defending the championship he won last year and beating white Paul Wells, the Big Seven Conference champion from Oklahoma A. and M., white John O'Connell, former national indoor titlist from Manhattan, and others in the doing.

Thus it was that the 22-year-old Baltimore native paced his hometown school to what was perhaps its most notable one-day achievement in track history.

Anchor Man Hurt

Running in front of him on the quarter-mile foursome were Bob Robinson, Otis Johnson and Jim Rogers, the same team that had trounced the favored Manhattan team in Friday's qualifying heat and also the previous Saturday in the mud - splashed Seton Hall Relays at Newark, N.J.

Teaming with Bragg in the 880 test were Luis Gooden, Johnson and Rogers.

The Bears' near miss, as the saying goes, came in the final event of the celebrated meet, the mile relay championship of America. In this, the Morgan team sustained a severe loss when its anchor man, Howard Morgan, strained a leg muscle on the first turn of the final lap and was thrown out of contention.

That the injury robbed the Bruins of a golden opportunity to annex their fourth team title was evidenced by the fact that up to the time of Morgan's lameness, it had been a ding-dong battle between the first three Bears and the victorious Manhattan aggregation.

Game Finish Gets Third

When Morgan's Morgan was hurt, however, the Jaspers had little trouble disposing of their next most serious threat, an outdistanced Michigan four. The slender Baltimore runner, despite the injury, continued gamely and saved third place for his mates, over Oklahoma Aggies and Cornell.

Manhattan's mile victory was sealed by a 48.8 anchor stint by Lou Jones, replacing Vern Dixon who himself had suffered a leg injury in losing to Bragg in the anchor battle of the 880 event on Friday.

Jaspers Lose Two

Dixon had to withdraw from further competition, thus forcing Manhattan to scratch from both the 440 and 880 finals on Saturday. The Jaspers had qualified for the Saturday meeting with Morgan by using Dixon in the No. 4 slot in both races, and in each of these they had been close to the Bears at the finish.

It was, therefore, a stroke of ill luck that had killed off the Manhattan chances of repeating in these events, just as it was Morgan's misfortune to lose the services of her crack anchor man in the mile. The week before, Manhattan had been deprived of her sensational sprinter, Lindy Remingino. The Olympic 100-meter champion suffered a spike wound of the instep in a baton exchange as the Jaspers were battling the same Bears in the final of the 440-yard relay at Seton Hall.

The freshman race was broken wide open from the outset, so superior was the young Morgan quartet of Ken Kave, Ed Waters, Herb Washington and Lawrence Griffin.

Held fairly close on the first leg, the Bears enjoyed a six-yard advantage as Waters passed the baton to Washington. The latter opened the gap to approximately 12 yards before turning the task over to Griffin. And from that point, it was no contest.

The Baltimore - born former Dunbar High school star, drawing gasps from the humming crowd with every stride, barrelled around the Franklin Field oval with the ease of a well-oiled machine. At the tape he was a full 30 yards in front of New York University's laboring Len Grace.

The 3:19.3 clocking was four-tenths of a second over the

ART BRAGG

Penn Relays mark of 3:18.9, set in 1940 by Seton Hall.

Strong Finish Pays Off

Bragg's triumph in the 100-yard dash was recorded as a 9.7 effort, two-tenths faster than his winning time of last year when the track had been deadened by rain.

In scoring, the speedy Bear captain stormed up from fourth place in a tightly bunched field to win going away. When he gave with his victorious burst, Art virtually exploded past Wells, O'Connell and Bob Green, of Allen University. Green was third in the final placings.

Again Comes From Behind

Incidentally, the sprint victory was typical of Bragg's performance in the 880, in which he also had to come off the pace to win. Handed the baton some two yards off the flying Cornell exchange, the fleet Baltimorean collared Ithacan captain Fred Lingle on the bend for home

and outgamed him to the wire. So close was the finish that both winner and runner-up were timed in the same 1:26.3.

In the earlier 440 event, the Bear's chief pursuer came in the form of a surprise. A. and T., which could do no better than fourth in the qualifying heat of Friday, pressed her fellow CIAA team through the first three legs, only to fade to a well-beaten second.

A. And T. Second

At that, the Tarheel quartet of Mel Bailey, Erb Barkley, Hal Horne and Henry Jones held a decisive edge over the highly-regarded Seton Hall and Naval Academy foursomes at the wire.

First Morgan score of the meet came on Friday when Josh Culbreath spun over the distance hurdles in 53.2 seconds. Clearing the bars with matchless grace, the Norristown, Pa., senior hit the tape only two seconds off the meet record hung up five years ago by Jeff Kirk, white, of Pennsylvania.

The event was decided on a time basis, and Culbreath's clocking was one and three-tenths seconds faster than that of his closest rival, white Andy Dadagian, of Cornell.

N.C. Jumper Places

Other Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association teams won honors in the meet, as has been frequently the case in past years. Aside from A. and T.'s second in the 440 sprint relay, North Carolina College won a third-place tie in the high jump through the efforts of Charley McCullough.

Another Eagle hopeful missed out in a chance for a medal in the 120-yard high hurdles event when Lee Calhoun stumbled at the third fence and pulled up. The race went to white Wallace Monahan, crack Pitt timber-topper, with Joe Shankle, Duke, and Van Bruner, both white, Michigan, following in that order.

Tufts Lad Scores

Culbreath, also qualifying for the final in this event, was a beaten-off also-ran, as was Bob Jones, all-round Tufts star.

Jones competed in the fence event only a short time after he had succeeded in gaining a second in the broad jump, taken by white F. Morgan Taylor, of Princeton, with a leap of 25 ft., 5/8 inches. Columbia's George Shaw was third and Penn's Arthur Faulk sixth in this test.

Al Thompson, muscle-man of Columbia University, heaved the shot 50 feet, 6 inches to finish third to white Roland Nilsson, Michigan, and white Bert Grossman, Miami, in the shotput.

La Salle Best

Charley Peoples and Joe Walker did brilliant second and third legs to help capture the Middle Atlantic mile-relay title for La Salle College, beating Delaware and St. Joseph's by some 25 yards in 3:22.9.

In the high school division, Cardozo High school of Washington, D.C., scored in the two-mile event, her quartet of Ed Bailey, Hugh Lee, Joe Dorsey and Ed Saunders turning a sparkling 8:18.3 to win by 20 yards from Bayonne High, of New Jersey.

Havre de Grace Victor

Havre de Grace High, with Harford Christy, Howard Dennison, Cliff Morrison and Wardell Stansbury, captured one of the high school class events, covering the mile in 3:35.6 while whipping seven other rivals.

Portsmough's (Va.) Norcum High was also a class mile-winner among the high schools. Its foursome of John Collins, Everette Bond, Edinburg Williams and Lawrence Thompson was caught in 3:36.1.

COLLEGES
RELAYS
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FINAL ONLY — A. Morgan State (Louie Gooden, Otis Johnson, Jim Rodgers, Art Bragg); 2, Cornell; 3, Navy; 4, Colgate, 1:26.3.

TWO-MILE

FINAL ONLY—A, Fordham (Gerry Foley, Tom Keegan, Bill Persichetty, Tom Courtney); 2, villanova; 3, Michigan; 4, Army; 5, Penn State, 7:44.6. Also ran: Cornell, Seton Hall, LaSalle, Haverford, Penn, Rhode Island, Syracuse, St. Joseph's

48-YARD SHUTTLE HURDLE
(Fastest four teams qualify for final)

FIRST SECTION—1, Pitt (Christopher King, Bill Rueschel, Don Kennedy, Wallace Monahan), 1:02; 2, North Carolina, 1:02.1; 3, Virginia, 1:02.6; 4, Army, 1:03.

SECOND SECTION—1, Tufts (Fred Collier, Bob Jones, Andy Howitt, Jack Goldberg), 1:02.5; 2, Navy, 1:03.3; 3, Cornell, 1:04.4.

QUALIFIERS—Pitt, Tufts, North Carolina, Virginia.

FINAL—1, Pitt; 2, North Carolina; 3, Virginia; 4, Tufts, 1:01.

440

FINAL ONLY — 1, Morgan State (Bob Robinson, Otis Johnson, Jim Rodgers, Art Bragg); 2, North Carolina A. and T.; 3, Seton Hall; 4, Navy, 0:4.7.

MILE

FINAL ONLY—1, Manhattan (Wallace Pina, Ronald Lucas, Ronald Ferraro, Louis Jones); 2, Michigan; 3, Morgan State 4, Oklahoma A. and M.; 5, Cornell, 3:15.8.

HIGH SCHOOLS
TWO-MILE
(Winner Decided on Time)

FIRST SECTION — 1, Cardinal Hayes (Ed. Kromer, Jim Dunn, Joe Soprano, Ralph Diaz), 8:31.9; 2, Newport News, 8:40; 3, Williamsport, 8:44.2; 4, Brooklyn Prep, 8:44.9; 5, St. Thomas More, 8:46. Also ran: Andrew Jackson, Baltimore Poly, St. Francis, Southeast Catholic, Allentown, Dobbins Tech, Woodrow Wilson, Bronx Science, Chester, Teaneck, St. Augustine, Dunbar, (Baltimore).

SECOND SECTION — 1, Dardozo (Ed Bailey, Hugh Lee, Joe Dorsey, Ed Saunders), 8:18.3; 2, Bayonne, 8:21.5; 3, West Catholic, 8:27.4; 4, Baysile, 8:29.4; 5, St. John's, 8:32. Also ran: Overbrook, Fordham Prep, Bishop Loughlin, Dunbar (D.C.), Norristown, Mt. St. Michael, Cheletnham

FINAL PLACING—1, Cardozo; 2, Bayonne; 3, West Catholic; 4, Bayside; 5, Cardinal Hayes.

MILE

FINAL ONLY — 1, St. Augustine (Bob Martin, Don Jayne, Frank Kennedy, Tom Murphy); 2, St. Michael's; 3, Coatesville; 4, Mt. St. Michael; 5, Rindge Tech, 3:26.6. Also ran—Dunbar (D.C., Cardozo, Armstrong rmstrong Tech, Cardinal Hayes, Bronx Science

SPECIAL EVENTS

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SPECIAL EVENTS
COLLEGE
Invitation 100-YARD DASH
(First two in each heat qualify For final)

FIRST HEAT—1, John O'Connor, Manhattan; 2, Tom Eglin, Princeton; 3, Lester Goble, Alfred; 4, Ira Kane, Navy, 0:09.8.

SECOND HEAT—1, Henry Jones, North Carolina A. and T.; 2, Joe Schatzle, Manhattan; 3, Bruce Hardy, Army; 4, Dave Matthews, Maryland; 5, Jim Mullins, North Carolina (Durham), 0:09.9.

THIRD HEAT—1, Paul Wells, Oklahoma A. and M.; 2, Rober ert Allen; 3, Sheldon Lustig, Army; 4, Byron LaBeach, Morgan State, 0:09.9.

FOURTH HEAD — 1, Art Bragg, Morgan State; 2, Charles Cole, Navy; 3, Fred Hazekamp, Montclair Teachers; 4, Augustus Franze, Colgate, 0:09.8.

QUALIFIERS — O'Connor, Eglin, Jones, Schatzle, Wells, Green, Bragg, Cole.

FINAL—1, Bragg; 2, Wells; 3, Green; 4, O'Connor; 5, Schatzle, 0:09.7.

SHOTPUT

FINAL ONLY—1, Roland Nilsson, Michigan, 55 feet 9⅜ inches; 2, Bert Grossman, Miami, 50 feet 9¾ inches; 3, Albert Thompson, Columbia, 50 feet 6¼ inches; 4, Joseph McLaughlin, St. Joseph's, 49 feet 10½ inches; 5, Leonart Lyons, Princeton, 49 feet 9¼ inches.

JAVELIN

FINAL ONLY—1, Al Cantello, LaSalle, 211 ft., 9½ in.; 2, Jim Gulick, Temple, 200 ft.; 3, Joe Martin, Syracuse, 199 ft., 4½ in.; 4, Charles Higgins, Ft. Holabird, Md., 195 ft., 7¾ in.; 5, Maury Hagerman, Cornell, 185 ft., 5½ in.; 6, Pasquale Scorde, Pitt, 185 ft., 2 in.

POLE VAULT

FINAL ONLY—1, tie, Robert Linne, Rhode Island; Jim Harrington, Notre Dame, and Van Zimmerman, Penn, 13 ft., 4 in.; 4, Jeremy Babb, Princeton, 13 ft.; 5, tie, Norm Beachley, Cornell; Pvt. Andrew Kirk, Ft. Belvoir, Va.; Charles Stevenson, NYU, and Capt. Joseph Perlow, Army, 12 ft., 6 in.

BROAD JUMP

FINAL ONLY—1, F. Morgan Taylor, Princeton, 25 ft., in.; 2, Bob Jones, Tufts, 24 ft., 3 in.; 3, George Shaw, Columbia, 23 ft., 6¼ in.; 4, Joel Shankle, Duke, 23 ft., 1⅞ in.; 5, Don Fuqua, Army, 23 ft., 1¾ in.; 6, Arthur Fauk, Penn, 22 ft, 11⅝ in.

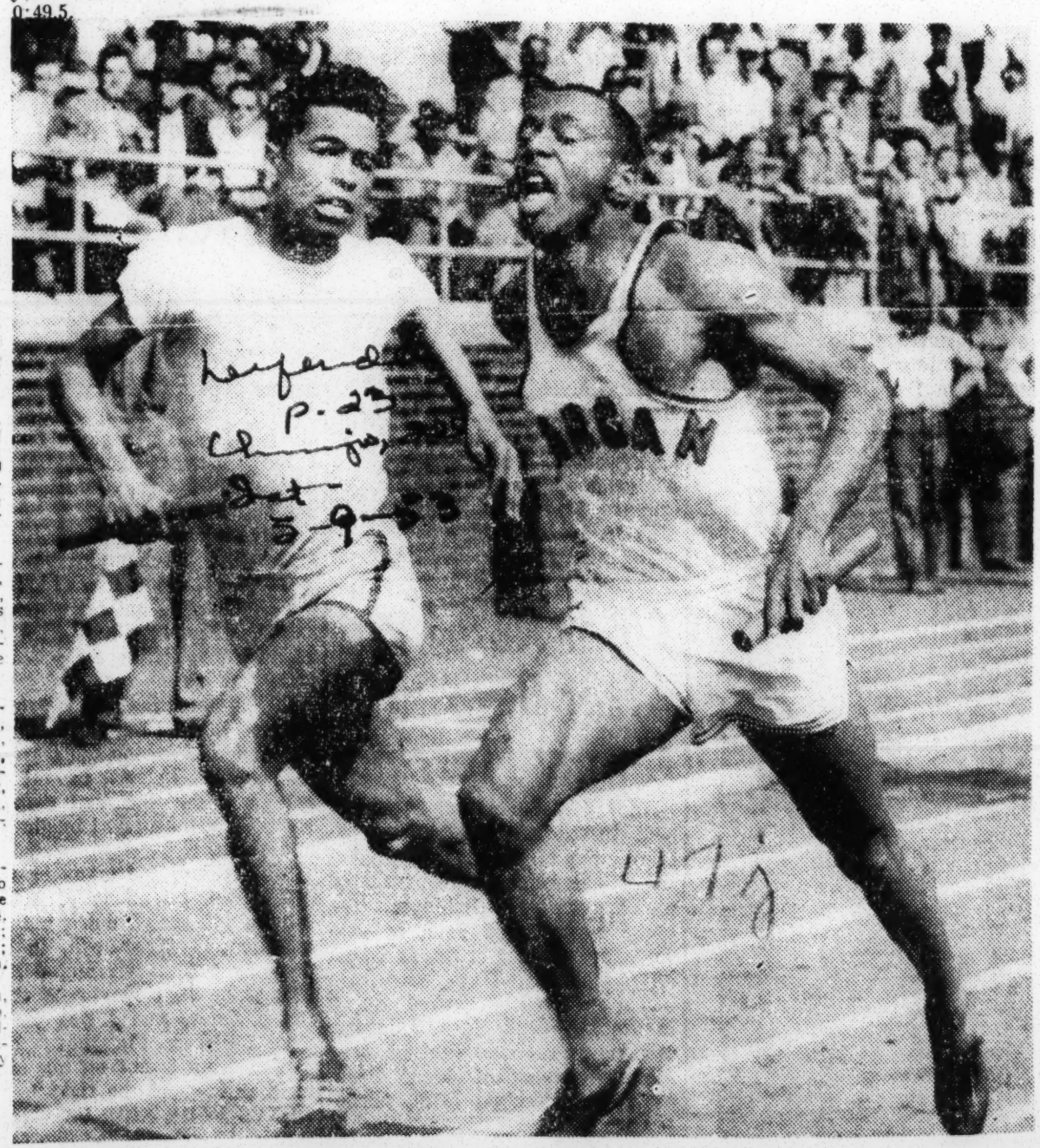
HIGH JUMP

FINAL ONLY — 1, Mark Smith, Wayne, 6 ft., 6 in.; 2, Jim Herb, Penn State, 6 ft., 4 in.; 3, tie, Milton Mead, Michigan; Charles McCullough, North Carolina, and Gerry Bacon, Army, 6 ft., 2 in.

Mal Whitfield Scores 'Double'

PROVO, Utah — Mal Whitfield, twice an Olympic winner, clipped three seconds off his own record to win the featured half-mile run in Brigham Young University's International Track and Field Meet Saturday.

Whitfield finished in 1:53, beating the old meet record of 1:56.1 which he set in 1948. Mal also won the special 440-yard event. His time was 0:49.5.



ART BRAGG AND VERN DIXON battled down to the end in the 440-yard relay, but Bragg (right) of Morgan State college nipped the Manhattan runner at the tape at the 59th running of the Penn relays in Philadelphia, last week. The Morgan State quartet won the heat in a swift :41.8. (INS Photo)

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SIAC TRACK MEET — Sixteen teams of the seventeen member SIAC conference gathered in Atlanta for the 16th annual track and field championships. Florida's thinclads grabbed a total of 47 points for highest team honors. In photo on extreme left Robert Green, fleet-footed sprinter from Allen University breaks the tape to win the 220 yards run. Green also won the 100 yards dash. Second photo shows Clark's John Cannon leaping over the last hurdle to win the 120 yards high hurdles in 15 seconds flat. The Clarkite

also took the 220 low hurdles. Florida's Frank Brown(left, third photo, noses out Morris Brown's Brandon Southern to win the 440 yards sprint. Xavier's Reginald Matthews took a close third place. Fourth photo shows Tuskegee's one, two, three finish in the 880 yards run. It was Lee Powell, right, Charles Bonner, left, and Authur Dunn, center. Offie Clark (Clark College) took fourth place in this event. — (Perry Photos)

TIGHT FIT — Harold Clawson, anchor man of the Winston-Salem Teachers College mile relay team, breaks the tape to win a class relay at the annual Penn Relays at Philadelphia last week.

HOME FREE — Sprint champion Art Bragg bursts into the wire to finish first and give Morgan State college her first of three team titles in the 59th Penn Relays at Philadelphia Saturday. Above Bragg hits the tape to complete a 41.7 victory for the Golden Bears in the 400 relay, with A. and T. college second. The Baltimoreans also won the 880 relay (Bragg anchoring) and the freshman mile relay crowns.

Murphy Cops DC AAU Title

Prevents Shutout Of Tan Athletes

WASHINGTON

Upsetting two favorites in a close finish in the 100-yard dash, Eugene Murphy of the Melrose A. C. prevented a complete shutout of tan athletes in the District AAU championships, Tuesday, at the University of Maryland.

The 20-year-old discharged Army veteran won his heat in the century handily, then came back to nip favored Dave Matthews of Maryland, and Don Stonehouse of Georgetown in the finals in 10 seconds.

Murphy, a former Cardozo pupil, who never ran for the Clerks, won by a hairbreath over Matthews. The long-striding Matthews closed fast in the final 10 yards on the inside lane, but Murphy pushed his chest out to snap the tape just a fraction of a second before the Maryland runner streaked across the finish line.

Injures His Leg

Murphy injured his leg, coming off the starting blocks in his heat of the 100-yard dash, but it apparently didn't bother him in the finals. However, he limped in second in his heat of the 220-yard dash, and finished out of the running in the finals, won by Matthews in 21.8 seconds.

For the first time in several years, area teams gave poor account of themselves. Howard University, a one-time powerhouse in the District meets with James Bruce, William (Bootsie) Collins, Harry Bright and Jim Payne took fifth place in the meet with only three points.

Team scores were: Maryland, 89 1/6; Georgetown, 68 1/3; Melrose track and field, 5; Catholic University, 4; Howard and Dunbar, 3; Bolling Field, 2½; and Phelps 1. Armstrong failed to score, and Cardozo did not enter a team.

Howard University's team of Esmond Mapp, Leroy Jones, Theodore Haynes and William Bullock reached a new low in track performance as the quartet finished fourth behind Dunbar in the mile relay. Maryland won the event in 3:24.

The Bisons' medley team of Theodore Cannon, Mapp, and Alton Fleming also ran last.

Dunbar's team consisted of Lawrence Boone, Bernard White, Charles Thomas and Warren Porter.

Boone finished fourth in his heat of the 220-yard low hurdles, and Jack Payne took fourth in the broad jump.

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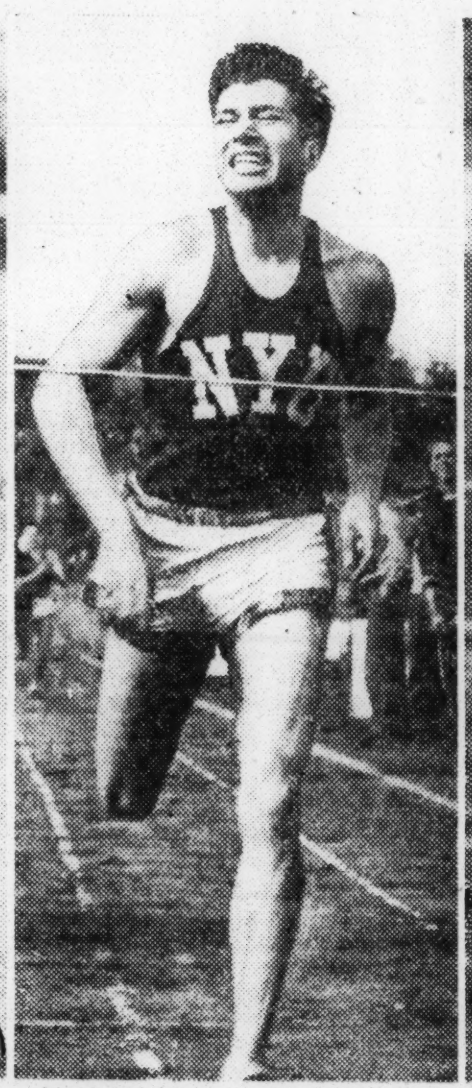

Meredith Gourdine, former Cornell athlete who placed second in the Olympic broad jump, gets set for the 50-yard dash in The Inquirer Games at Convention Hall a week from tomorrow.

HIS BEST: N. Y. U. track coach Emil Von Elling, in picking his all-time best Violet relay team includes Jim Herbert (left), Hal Bogrow (center) and Joe Healey (right). Healey was a star hurdler in the early 1930's, Herbert and Bogrow quarter-milers in the late 1930's.

Von Elling Held To Mere Dreams Of Past Greats

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N. Y. U. Track Coach Picks 2 All-Time Relay Squads From Stars He Tutored

Now in his fortieth year as track coach of New York University, Emil Von Elling has the time these days to pick two all-time relay squads from the great stars he tutored. The current paucity of track material has so affected N. Y. U. that for the first time in its history the Violet will not enter a varsity one or two mile relay team in the Millrose Games on Jan. 29.

Von Elling selected the following eight men for his teams: Joe Healy, Jim McPoland, Harold Bogrow, Jim Herbert, Phil Edwards, Reggie Pearman, Hugo Maiocco and Dick Maiocco. He also admitted that he did not know which foursome would win if the eight were divided. All of them except McPoland won National A. A. U. or I. C. 4-A. individual titles.

While Von Elling chose his eight best on the basis of their ability, he has a special place in his heart for the war-time mile quartet of Arthur Herrforth, Walter Welsch, Charley Grossberger and Francis Carter. In their first race together these four almost upset a great Fordham team, and went on to win the I. C. 4-A. indoor and outdoor championships.

"This relay squad never ran quarter miles before they came to N. Y. U., Von Elling said. "Each man had specialized in something else in high school, but I doubt if I ever saw four men with more incentive to work together. I shall never forget their great Penn Relays victory in 1943."

Plans are under way to honor Von Elling, who will celebrate his seventieth birthday on March 30. From 1928 on there has been a Von Elling pupil in every Olympic Games. The first anual award of the Track Writers Association for the greatest contribution to track and field was received by Von Elling in 1943.

Related In Sorrow

Jersey Joe Walcott, left, and Joe Louis, both former world heavyweight champions, were united in sorrow as they attended the funeral of boxing promoter Mike Jacobs in New York last week.

Name Your Ticket

Two years ago the stocky, 45-year-old Harold Bruguiere sat down with a hulking, 17-year-old Negro kid in a cluttered office just off the boys' gym at Plainfield (N.J.) High and began to show him facts and figures. Prepared by Bruguiere, track coach at Plainfield, the evidence indicated that the outsize kid could do mighty well if he took a crack at sport's most comprehensive test of versatility: the ten-event decathlon.

It was just so much Greek to the boy, Milt Campbell—"At that time I didn't even know what the decathlon events were"—but he accepted Bruguiere's optimistic proposal. It is one of the reasons why Campbell, visiting Bruguiere during the coach's recent illness, felt impelled to say: "Some day I'm going to have a statue made of you." (The coach's retort: "Why—so you can throw rocks at it?")

International

Besieged by 60 college offers, Campbell offered his coach a statue

Under the coach's nursing and needling, Milt Campbell went into the 1952 American Olympic decathlon tryouts and finished second only to the reigning world champion, Bob Mathias. Later in Helsinki, as the youngest competitor in the Olympics' track and field events, he improved on his tryout performance in three events and again finished second only to the great Mathias.*

In Sweden the 205-pound, 6-foot-3 prodigy won a 100-meter dash in 10.7 seconds for his eighteenth first place of the season in sprinting, hurdling, high-jumping, and shot-putting tests. In London he swam the 40-yard free style and sharing the Eastern States and New Jersey medley-relay championships) and track and field, besides being a locally respected hand at basketball, baseball, and wrestling.

During the past winter Campbell, invited to a Caribbean athletic carnival in Jamaica, outhurdled one of his several volunteer coaches, Harrison Dillard, who won two gold medals in the 1952 Olympics. At the national high-school championships in New York the youngster won the 60-yard indoor hurdles in 7.2 seconds over a four-hurdle course—only one tenth of a second short of Dillard's world record for a five-hurdle layout. The 205-pounder also won the high jump at 6 feet 3 inches, only half an inch below the national-meet record.

Work: Last week Campbell killed a rainy day by hitting his books ("I'm no dope, but I haven't had much time for studies"), and trying to make up his mind on where he would begin college studies next September. Before him were offers from no less than 60 colleges. At the moment, he thought he'd probably enroll at either Indiana or Penn State.

By then he might be officially the country's new No. 1 all-around athlete; the 19-year-old giant is scheduled to meet up with Mathias in two Hawaiian meets next month, and the national A.A.U. decathlon championship will be held July 3-4 at Plainfield. Unofficially, the Plainfield folk and some well-informed outsiders already consider him a greater all-around athlete than Mathias ("Mathias just goes in for football and the decathlon") and potentially the peer of even the fabulous Jim Thorpe, whose decathlon marks, according to coach Bruguiere's charts, still surpass young Campbell's best showings only in the 1,500-meter run.

Last week, though, Campbell himself had a fonder ambition: "My brother Tom"—a 6-footer who preceded him in the backfield of Plainfield teams that have been beaten only twice in four years—"is getting out of the Army soon. As a considerable admirer of his older brother ("Tom licked me regularly in the hurdles, and when he played in the Plainfield backfield I had to settle for an end job"), Milt Campbell predicted that Campbells would shortly comprise one half of some college's backfield.

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Athletics form part of recreational program for stable foremen, exercise boys, grooms, and their families. Left to right: Fred Czerkas, Jessie Marsh, Dick Waggoner, and Walter Barwise get ready for early evening softball game.

SOUTH AFRICAN STAR BREAKS RECORD; SCOTSMAN 2D WITH 69

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland, July 6 (AP)—Bobby Locke, Ben Hogan and Scotsman John Panton were the big show today in the opening qualifying round of the British Open golf tournament over two wind swept Carnoustie courses.

Locke, the defending champion from South Africa, set a course record at Burnside, with a 65, where Hogan fired a 70—one under the unofficial par. On the tougher Championship course, Panton came in late in the day with a 35-34—69, best ever recorded in official competition at Carnoustie.

Twenty years ago Horton Smith of Chicago, now president of the United States Professional Golfers association, got a 69 in a qualifying round for the British open, but the course has been refurbished and is longer and tougher now.

Unofficial Par 72

Championship course is 7,200 yards with an unofficial par 72, while Burnside is 6,398 yards with an unofficial par 71. Due to changing wind and weather conditions, there is no official par listed at Carnoustie. The two layouts are side by side along the North sea and the Firth of Tay.

Hogan had nearly all of the gallery, and got about 90 per cent of the attention, as he went around at Burnside. A gallery of 3,000 was doubled before Hogan completed his round. Cards for Hogan and Locke:

Burnside par out	443	534	443—34
Hogan out	353	434	343—32
Locke out	452	434	443—33
Burnside par in	444	445	354—37—71
Hogan in	454	445	354—38—70
Locke in	344	335	343—32—65

Players who shot qualifying rounds at Burnside move over to Championship tomorrow, while those who played Championship drop by Burnside in tomorrow's 18 hole qualifier.

100 to Enter Tourney

After tomorrow's second qualifying round the field will be cut to the low 100 for the tournament proper starting Wednesday on the Championship course. There will be 18 holes Wednesday and Thursday, and the field will be halved to 50, with the 36 hole finale on Friday.

None of the field played the gusty winds today any better Locke, from Johannesburg, Hogan of Fort Worth, Tex., and Panton.

Hogan, United States Open champion who is playing here for the first time, was two under par for the first nine and was driving and putting excellently. He didn't fare so well on the back nine when he carded a 38. Some of his putts missed by inches, but Hogan smiled as he completed his round. "It felt pretty good out there. The rain last night opened up the ground a bit, making it easier to play second shots."

Hogan Cracks Jokes

Hogan, who swapped words with a photografer yesterday during practice, was in a high humor for Hogan. He usually doesn't like to, was actually seeking, posing for amateur and professional photografers and cracking enough jokes to keep the crowd smiling.

Thruout his round he gave writers the impression all he wanted to do was get the necessary qualifying score. He never spent much time sighting putts.

Relaxed or not on the first hole he started putting on a fine show. He hit his second shot, a 70 yard high pitch, which the wind rattled but did not damage, to within two feet of the pin. He sank the putt for a birdie.

Goes One Over Par

On the second he went a stroke over par when he chipped out short over rough and high tiger grass. Thruout the remainder of the outbound nine the United States National Open and Master champion either got pars or better than pars. He was putting well but not with his usual spectacular flare, and generally, his game was perfectly sound. As usual, he made no tactiful errors.

Hogan got another birdie three on the seventh—363 yard hole when he hit a high handsome shot up into the wind and let it blow his ball 250 to 260 yards down the center of the fairway. He then banged his approach shot about 100 yards to five feet from the pin and downed the putt for a three.

Coming home Hogan's medium long putts failed to drop as well as they did going out. He missed four putts on the incoming nine holes 10 feet or less.

Locke's Putting Good

Locke, out in 33, got a red hot 32 coming in. Magnificent putting and fine chipping were the South African's best weapons. He dropped 20 footers on the third and 17th holes, and sank a 12 footer on the 13th.

Panton's massive round made his name lonesome on the scoreboard since no one else could get near his accomplishment.

Antonio Cerda of Argentina waited more than 10 seconds today on the 18th green for his ball to go ahead and fall into the cup. The ball was literally hanging out over the cup. Cerda's patience paid off. Down the ball plunked and he scored a solid par 36—36—72 on the 7,300 yard Championship course.

Frank Stranahan of Toledo produced a high class 37—36—73 on the Championship links.

Mangrum Cards 78

The international contingent produced some of the best golf of the day. D. W. Fairfield of Chicago, almost a total unknown in Britain, had a 37—35—72 on Burnside. Argentina's Roberto De Vincenzo scored a Burnside 34—39—73.

Lloyd Mangrum of Niles, Ill., and Los Angeles, blew himself to a 40—38—78. Most of his trouble was on the outgoing nine of the Championship course when his putter went sour and he cost himself a penalty stroke when he had to lift the ball over a hydrant cover.

Americans in Sweden

Whitfield's Race Tops Four U. S. Victories

GOTEBORG, Sweden, July 24 (AP).—American track and field stars, headed by Mal Whitfield, of the New York Grand Street Boys Club, won four events at an international meet at Slottsskogsvallen Stadium tonight.

Whitfield, Olympic champion and former Ohio State University middle distance runner, turned in the outstanding performance when he sailed in an attempt to set a world record in the 1,000 meters.

As it was, Whitfield won in a thrilling finish with Olle Aberg, of Sweden, holder of the accepted record of 2:21.3, in second place. Whitfield was timed in 2:22.6.

(Czech runner Stanislaw Jungwirth claimed a world mark of 2:21.1 last October.)

Whitfield Disappointed

Whitfield, who aims to better ten world records this year, was disappointed at failing, but said he would try again next week. He and the other United States athletes are tired after several weeks of uninterrupted competitions in Scandinavia.

"I was out of form today," Whitfield said. "Now I need a few more days rest and then I will be able to break more world records, I assure you."

Whitfield complained about the cold and drizzly weather but found the track "pretty good."

Now he will husband his strength by running only 200 meters at the meet in Varberg, south of Goteborg, next week.

Other U. S. Winners

The other American victories were chalked up by Jim Golliday, former Northwestern University sprinter now in the Army; Parry O'Brien of the Los Angeles A. C., and the 400-meter relay team of George Mattos, United States Air Force; Golliday, Wes Santee, of Kansas, and Whitfield.

Golliday won the 200-meter dash in 21.8 seconds, finishing seven meters ahead of Swedish champion Jan Carlsson, who was clocked in 22.5 seconds.

O'Brien took the shot put with a toss of 16.61 meters (54 ft. 5 61-64 inches). The American relay team was timed in 42.9 seconds.

Mattos was defeated by Ragnar Lundberg, former Swedish champion, in the pole vault. Both reached 4.30 meters (13 ft. 9 1-32 inches). But Lundberg needed fewer tries.

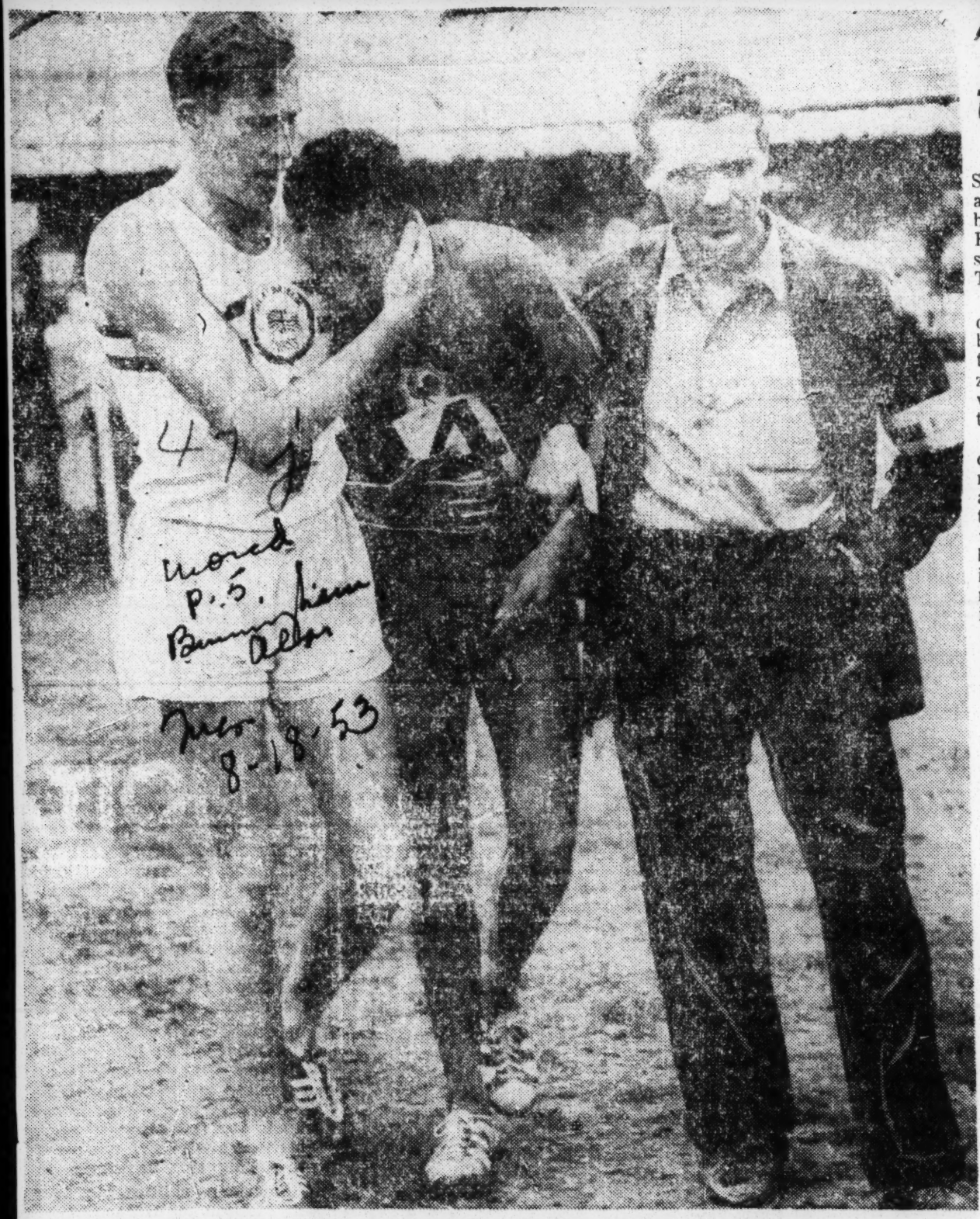
William Miller, of the United States Marines, had to settle for third in the javelin with a throw of 64.66 meters (212 ft. 1 23-32 inches). Sweden's Otto Begtsson won the event with a toss of 66.8 meters (216 ft. 9 5-8 inches).

Whitfield, Bragg Win Two Races

COLOGNE, Germany, July 29 (UP).—Mal Whitfield and Art Bragg each scored two victories tonight as a touring United States track and field squad won six of eight events against stars from six other nations in an international meet before 18,000.

Whitfield, two-time Olympic 800-meter champion, won that event in one minute, 48.4 seconds and also captured the 400-meter race in 0:46.2. Bragg, American sprint star from Morgan State, easily won the 100-meter dash in 0:10.4 and the 200-meter race in 0:20.6.

Wes Santee, leading American miler from the University of Kansas, was well off his best clocking of 4:02.4 as he won the mile in 4:09.4.



BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME — R. G. Bannister of Britain (left), winner of the 880 yard run at the recent international athletic meeting between England and France, shows real sportsmanship as he consoles P. El Mabrouk of France (center), who collapsed after running second in the race. A fellow Frenchman lends both a hand. (Newspress Photo.)

Art Bragg, Culbreath lauded for '53 track exploits in magazine feature

BALTIMORE, Md. — Morgan State college sprinter, Art Bragg, and his running mate, Josh Culbreath, drew plaudits for their European track exploits this summer in the current issue of Track and Field News.

Both Bragg and Culbreath drew listings among the "world's best" in 1953 in the area of track and field, and the magazine detailed descriptions of their victories with the United States track teams in Europe.

Track and Field News accounts show that Bragg won ten races, starring in the 100 meters and the 200, and anchored victorious United States 400 meters teams three times. Culbreath won seven races, starring in the 400 metter hurdles, also ran three times onthe U.S. wining teams.

ART BRAGG

Praised In Germany

R. L. Quercetani, reporting on the Cologne, Germany meet of July 29 wrote:

"Another standout in this great Cologne meet was Art Bragg, who ran the year's fastest sprint times: 10.3 (100 m) and 20.6 (200 m). In the latter race he had to negotiate only half a turn."

Quercetani also described Culbreath's great Turin, Italy race in which the Norristown, Pa. hurdler nearly shattered a world's record, running the 400-meter hurdles in 51.3 times.

He wrote:

"In a Sunday meet at Turin, Italy, Culbreath was opposed to Armando Filiput, the European 400-meter hurdles champion of 1950. Before the meet, it was generally conceded that Filiput, who had never ducked under 53 would be no hard nut to crack for Culbreath.

"Running on a 446-meters track with not very easy turns, Filiput was off first, and actually led for three-fourths of the distance. Then Culbreath came up with the ease and authority of an old champion and finished strongly, while Filiput visibly faded and just sauntered through the finish line a well-beaten second.

"The time for Culbreath was 51.3—amazing, if it's true, that this is his first season of major competition over the distance. Only three Americans—Hardin, Moore, Cochran—and a Russian, Lituyer, have ever run faster."

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Milton Campbell goes over last obstacle in the 110-meter high hurdles event, a test he won in 0:14.3 yesterday in capturing the National AAU decathlon championship before hometown friends in Plainfield, N. J. Campbell annexed title by amassing 7235 points for 10 events. (AP Wirephoto)

Milt Campbell Captures AAU Decathlon Title

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PLAINFIELD, N. J., July 4 (AP).—Big Milt Campbell came through for the home folks today when he won the National AAU Decathlon Championship, but his point total of 7235 was far short of his goal, the world record. Sun. 7-5-53

With a big crowd of 6000 friends and neighbors cheering him on, the powerful youth at one time was 126 points ahead of Bob Mathias' pace when the Tulare (Calif.) athlete won the 1952 Olympic Decathlon and set the recognized world standard of 7887 points. That was after he won the 110-meter high hurdles in 0:14.3 for his fifth victory in the 10-event test of speed and endurance. p. 1, 3

COULDN'T HOLD PACE

But he couldn't keep up the pace, even though he wound up the day's four-hour competition with a spurt in the closing 1500-meters event.

But the friendly crowd, which had seen him run wild in football on the same field for Plainfield High, cheered him mightily as he won the decathlon on his third try in the gruelling event. He had placed second to Mathias both in the final Olympic tryouts last year and the Games themselves.

The 7235 points was his best ever in the event and far ahead of the Rev. Bob Richards, Long Beach, Calif., the 1951 national champion.

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Fourth when the second day's competition started, Richards rallied to wind up second with 6456 points. Richards won the pole vault with a leap of only 14 feet, eight ins., instead of his favorite 15 feet average. 7-5-53

Pfc. Jim Cooke, Peekskill, N. Y., stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C., won the discus with a toss of 152 feet-seven inches and placed third with 6086 points. Joel Shankle, Duke, competing in his first decathlon, was fourth with 5995.

George Widenfelt, young Swede who recently graduated from the University of Washington, placed fifth with 5797. He had finished sixth in the Olympics.

SCHOOLBOY PLACES 6TH

Aubrey Lewis, 18-year-old Montclair, N. J., schoolboy, who never had practiced for the decathlon until a month ago, finished sixth with a surprising 5773 points. He had never competed previously in five of the 10 events.

Campbell had 4370 points at the halfway point, three more than Mathias had when he set the world record. But the Olympics were scored under a different system than the one in use here.

The summaries follow:

110-METER HIGH HURDLES—1, Milton Campbell, Plainfield, N. J., 0:14.3, 1017 points; 2, Joel Shankle, Duke University, 0:15.2, 764; 3, Maurice Wilson, New York, 0:15.3, 740; 4, George Widenfelt, University of Washington, 0:15.8, 732 5, tie between Orrin Allen, Mt. San Antonio Junior College, Pomona, Calif., and Aubrey Lewis, Montclair, N. J., 0:16.3, 540 points; 7, tie between Rev. Bob Richards, Long Beach, Calif., and John Sage, UCLA, 0:16.4, 523; 9, Jim Cook, Peekskill, N. Y., 0:16.5, 506; 10 Franklin Chong, East Los Angeles Junior College, 0:16.6, 489; 11, Jim Gerhardt, San Antonio, 0:16.7, 473; 12, Edward Cypiot, New York, 0:17.0, 428; 13, Thomas Wilson, New York, 0:17.3, 385; 14, Herbert Hollowell, Woodbridge, N. J., 0:17.8, 320; 15, Charles Stevenson, New York, 0:18.1, 283; 16, Lt. Horace White, Fort Dix, N. J., 0:18.3 261; 17 Sudney Kiwitt, New York, 0:19.2, 171; 18, William White, Palo Verde College, Blythe, Calif., 0:20.7, 45; 19, E. R. Premo, Boston College High School, 0:27.8, 1 (fell over several hurdles.)

DISCUS THROW—1, Cook, 152 ft., 7 in., 326; 2, Campbell, 134-4½, 652; 3, Richards, 127-8¾, 625; 4, Allen, 126-3¼, 584; 5, Gerhardt, 125-3¼, 574; 6, Widenfelt, 124-5½, 568; 7, Lewis, 118-1¼, 519; 8, Hollowell, 111-9, 472; 9, Shankle, 111-7¾, 470; 10, Stevenson, 108-4¾, 446; 11, Kiwitt, 106-4¾, 429; 12, Chong, 93-4-4½, 344; 13, Sage, 90-5½, 324; 14, M. Wilson, 89-1, 315; 15, H. White, 87-6½, 304; 16, Cypiot, 82-1, 268; 17, T. Wilson, 79-1¼, 248; 18, W. White, 78-6½, 244; 19, Premo, 63-10½, 153.

Final Point Standings

1, Milt Campbell, Plainfield, N. J., 7235. 2, Rev. Bob Richards, Long Beach, Calif., 6456. 3, Jim Cooke, Peekskill, N. Y., 6086. 4, Joel Shankle, Duke University, 5995. 5, George Widenfelt, University of Washington, 5797. 6, Aubrey Lewis, Montclair, N. J., 5773. 7, Orren Allen, Mt. San Antonio Junior College, Pomona, Calif., 5584. 8, Jim Gerhardt, San Antonio, 5364. 9, Franklin Chong, East Los Angeles Junior College, 5135. 10, Charles Stevenson, New York, 5116.

11, John Sage, UCLA, 5016. 12, Edward Cypiot, New York, 4574. 13, Herbert Hollowell, Woodbridge, N. J., 4390; 14, Lt. Horace White, Fort Dix, N. J., 4209. 15, Sidney Kiwitt, New York, 4043. 16, Maurice Wilson, New York, 3877. 17, Thomas Wilson, New York, 3823. 18, William White, Palo Verde College, Blythe, Calif., 3307. 19, E. R. Premo, Boston College High School, 2577.

POLT VAULT—1, Richards, 14 feet, 8 inches, 1039 points; 2, Stevenson, 12-10, 700; 3, Allen, 12-6, 650; 4, Shankle, 12-5¾, 645; 5, Chong, 12, 576; 6, Campbell, 11-11¾, 574; 7, Tie between Widenfelt and Cooke, 11, 457; 9, Tie among H. White, W. White and Cypiot, 10-6, 400; 12, Tie between Lewis and Gerhardt, 9-6, 293; 14, Tie between Kiwatt and Hollowell, 239; 16, T. Wilson, 8-6, 190; 17, Sage, 8-3¼, 103; 18, M. Wilson, 8-0, 55; 19, Premo, 0, 1.

JAVELIN THROW—1, Kiwitt, 174 feet, 6 inches, 589; 2, Richards, 170-4, 565; 3, Lewis, 162-10, 521; 4, Widenfelt, 162, 519; 5, Campbell, 156-6, 488; 6, Chong, 153, 468; 7, Cooke, 146-10, 428; 8, Stevenson, 139, 395; 9, Allen, 138-4, 392; 10, Hollowell, 137-2, 384; 11, Premo, 131-3, 356; 12, Shankle, 131 ,348; 13, Gerhardt, 130-6, 342; 14, Cypiot, 124-5, 322; 15, Sage, 120-9, 305; 16, H. White, 111-3, 255; 17, W. White, 105, 233; 18, M. Wilson, 101-3, 177; 19, T. Wilson, 0, 1.

1500-METERS—1, Sage, 4:21.9, 593; 2, Stevenson, 4:44.5, 377; 3, Widenfelt, 4:55.2, 318; 4, Lewis, 4:54.6, 300; 5, T. Wilson, 4:55.7, 293; 6, W. White, 5:01.7, 249; 7, Shankle, 5:05.1, 230; 8, Cooke, 5:07.2, 216; 9, Permo, 5:07.5, 213; 10, Chong, 5:09.0, 206; 11, Gerhardt, 5:12.3, 187; 12, Allen, 5:12.7, 185; 13, Cypiot, 5:17.3, 160; 14, Richards, 5:20.5, 142; 15, Campbell, 5:22.1, 134; 16, Hollowell, 5:24.6, 119; 17, Tie among H. White, 6:08.8, M. Wilson, 6:25.4, and Kiwitt, (did not finish) 1.

Bragg Wins Afro-American 4 Straight

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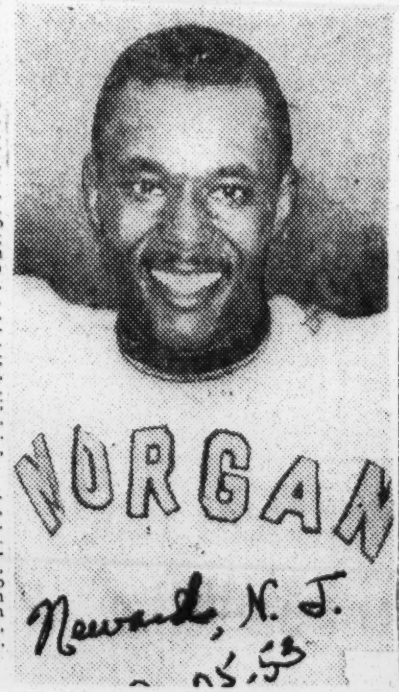
Bear Ace, Culbreath Score Impressively

DUSSELDORF, Germany — Two Morgan State College athletes remained unbeaten following their first week of touring with an American track and field squad here as of Thursday.



Newark, N. J.
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Art Bragg, captain and sprint ace of the Baltimore school, won four straight dashes, all in reputable times, and his teammate, Josh Culbreath, captured, two hurdles events in equally creditable clockings.

Bragg took the 100 and 220-yard dashes in 9.7 and 21.2 seconds, respectively here on Sunday, and Culbreath ran away from his field to grab the honors in the 440-yard low hurdles race.

Repeat On Wednesday

Continuing their jaunt, the two tan aces sparked the U. S. squad to victories on Wednesday in another international competition at Stuttgart, Germany.

In this one, Bragg triumphed in the 100-meters dash in 10.4 seconds, nipping the German mainstay, Heinz Feutterer, in a breath-taking finish. He duplicated in the 200-meter sprint, this time being clocked in 21.1 seconds as he again shaded the flying Dutchman. At the tape the two runners so close, the timers did not attempt to separate their clockings.

Culbreath repeated in his specialty, taking the 400-meter hurdles in 52.8 seconds.

Another touring tan star, Henry Cryor, of Illinois, was the victor in the 800-meters run, being caught in 1:50.8 for the distance.

Whitfield's Record Try Falls Short

Herald Tribune
7-22-53

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, July 21 (AP).—Mal Whitfield, Olympic, missed the 1,000-meter mark by one second tonight in a track and field meet at Olympic Stadium.

Whitfield was timed in 2:22.3, compared with the recognized record of 2:21.3 set by O. W. Aberg, of Sweden, Oct. 8, at Copenhagen.

A. Anderson, of Sweden, was pace maker for the first 400 meters tonight, but did not give Whitfield much help toward the record as the American passed him after 450 meters and held a steady pace for the final half of the race.

Wes Santee, of Kansas, won the mile in 4:06.6 with a crushing final 200 meters that took the breath out of the opposing Swedes. He was in the middle of the seven man field when he started his finishing burst.

Jim Golliday, of the U. S. Army, won the 200 meters in 22.1 and Reggie Pearman, of the Pioneer Club, survived a tight race with Sweden's Hasse Ring to take the 800 meters in 1:53.

Bill Miller, of the U. S. Marines was the only American to finish any place but first. He was third in the 200 meter, but made up for it later when he teamed with Whitfield, Golliday and Pearman to win the 1,000-meter relay in 1:52.

Jesse Mashburn, of Oklahoma, took the 400 meters in :47.5. Parry O'Brien, Southern California's world shotput champion heaved his specialty 56 feet, 11 inches, and also won the discus with a 170-foot, 7-inch effort.

Whitfield Sets New World Mark

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ESKILSTUNA, Sweden ((INS))—Mal "world record" Whitfield has added another mark to his long list of running standards—the 1,000-meter record.

Whitfield, Uncle Sam's 800-meter Olympic gold medal winner, set a new world mark of two minutes, 20.8 seconds recently as he copped the 1,000-meter race at an International Track and Field Meet.

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The former Air Force sergeant has been shootng for the 1,000 mark all season. Whitfield set new standards in the indoor 500 yards, 500 meters, 600 yards and in the indoor 880 yards before his latest record-smashing performance.

The old 1,000-meter outdoor record was chalked up last October by Sweden's Ollie Agberg when he ran it in 2:21.3.

Pan American World Airways

The first of four American track squads which will compete in European meets this summer left Idlewild Airport yesterday for Finland. In the group are (left to right) Hec Edmundson, University of Washington coach and manager of the squad; Wes Santee, miler from Kansas; Parry O'Brien, shotput champion from the Los Angeles A. C.; Bill Miller, Marine's javelin thrower; George Mattos (checkered shirt), Air Forces, pole vault, and Mal Whitfield, half-miler.

U. S. Track Team Off For Events in Europe

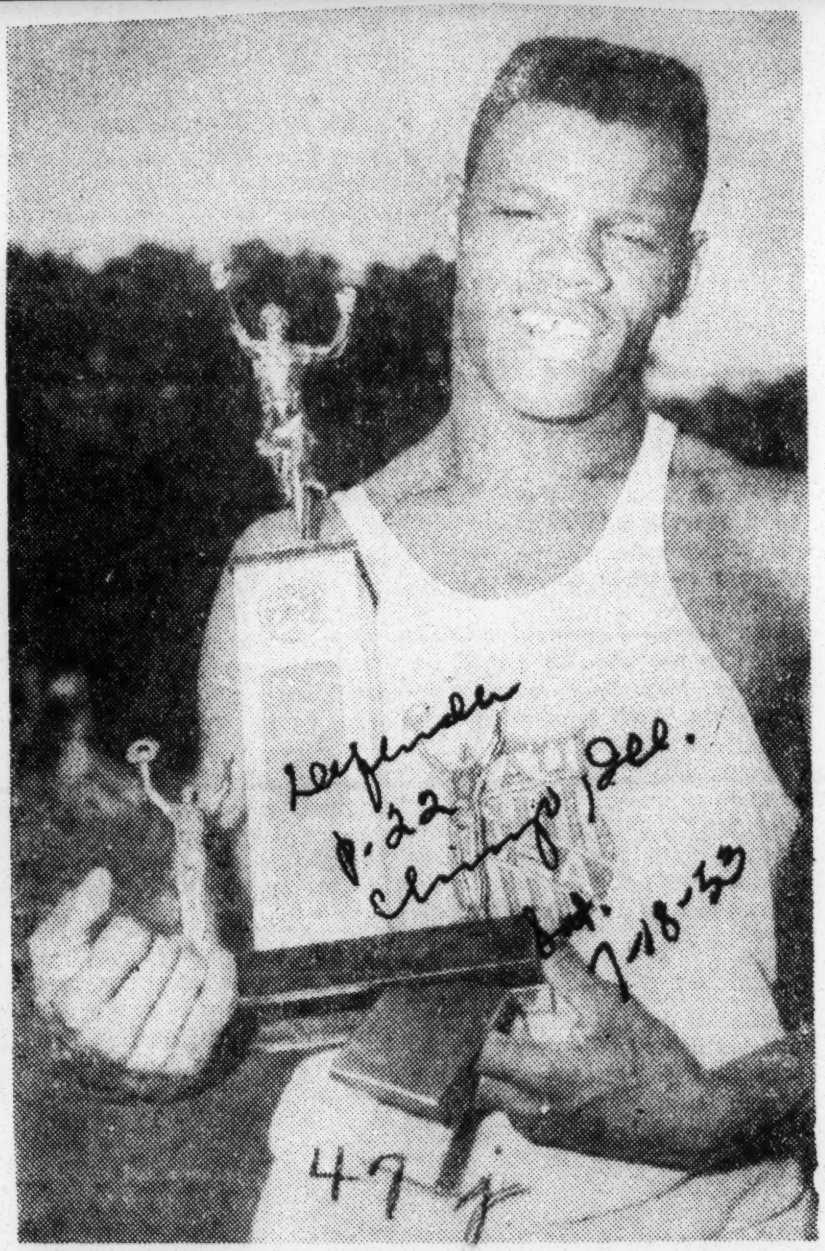
The first of four American track teams which will compete in Europe this summer departed from Idlewild Airport yesterday for Helsinki, Finland, but only eight of the eleven selected athletes made the plane.

Jack Davis, Southern Californian of the Los Angeles A. C., who swept the high and low hurdles in both the N. C. A. A. and A. A. U. championships, withdrew from the team owing to the illness of his mother. Gordon McKenzie, of the Pioneer Club, runner-up in the A. A. U. three-mile, was unable to get leave from his job at this time. Reggie Pearman, also of the Pioneers, will leave today to join the touring team in time for the first meet in Helsinki's Olympic Stadium Thursday.

On the plane with Hec Edmundson, University of Washington coach, manager of the squad, were Wes Santee, Kansas miler; Mal Whitfield, Grand Street Boys' half-miler; Parry O'Brien, Los Angeles A. C. shotputter; J. W. Mashburn, Oklahoma quarter-miler, and George Mattos, of the Air Force, all of whom won national titles in Dayton, Ohio, last week end, and Ernie Shelton, Los Angeles A. C. high jumper, who tied for second; Jim Golliday, of the United States Army, third in the 100, and Bill Miller, of the Marines, third in the javelin.

All were in Helsinki last summer as members of the Olympic team except Shelton, a twenty-year-old U. S. C. sophomore, who has leaped 6 feet 9¾ inches this spring, and Golliday, who pulled a tendon just before the Olympic tryouts last year after winning the N. C. A. A. 100 as a Northwestern sophomore.

An eleven-man team which will stay abroad for five weeks will leave Friday bound for Norway, Italy, Austria and Germany.



VICTORY SMILE—Milt Campbell, 19, of Plainsfield, N.J., representing the Plainsfield High School Boosters in the National AAU decathlon championships, gives out with a big victory grin after winning the event with a near-record total of 7,234 points. The Rev. Bob Richards of Long Beach Calif., scored second with 6,45[illegible] points, and James Cook, a soldier from Fort Jackson, S.C. [illegible] with 6,086 points. (United Press Photo.)

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Olympic Aces Show Heels to Top Stars

By W. ROLLO WILSON

PHILADELPHIA—More than ten thousand indoor track fans saw several meet records equalled and broken in the ninth renewal of the Inquirer games in Convention Hall on Friday night. They saw records broken and saw Mal Whitfield, former Air Force sergeant, win his first indoor event while smashing an established mark.

The husky Olympic champion, and the premier middle-distance runner of the world for the past five years, ran a smart 600 to spread-eagle a classy contingent of Villanova's Joe Gaffney, Seton Hall's Morris Curotta, Penn State's Oliver Sax and Jamaican Herbert McKenley. Coming from third place in the second lap, he took the lead from Gaffney and set the pace to win by more than 10 yards over Sax, in second place. His time of 0:1.11 replaced the standard of 0:1.13 set by George Rhoden last year.

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HARRISON DILLARD, just voted Cleveland's outstanding young man of the year, made a new world's indoor record when he ran the final of the 50-yard high hurdles in 0:0.6. It was the sixth time he had won the Inquirer event in seven tries. His last defeat in a race was three years ago on this same track when Penn State's Jim Gehrles edged him out in the same event.

A classy field of sprinters bowed to Art Bragg, Morgan State, who outran Andy Stanfield and Manhattan's national indoor champion, John O'Connell, in the final of the "50." His time of 0:0.5.2 equalled the meet mark shared by himself, Stanfield and Eddie Conwell. Conwell won his heat, but scratched in the semi-final because of a pulled muscle.

Roscoe Browne, former Lincoln professor and track star failed in his quest to win the John Borican Memorial 1,000 yard run. Success on Friday night would have given him the trophy outright and for the second such emblem. In failing, he finished a bad fourth in a five man race, only Reggie Pearman, his pioneer club teammate, being behind him. Georgetown's Carl Joyce shattered the record made by Browne last season, his winning mark of 2:13.1 erasing Roscoe's standard of 2:14.9.

IN FEATURE EVENTS, the Rev. Bob Richards won the pole vault with a leap of 15 feet 4 inches, one better than his 1952 record here; Villanova's Fred Dwyer won over Fred Wilt, Leonard Truex and Don Gehrman in the mile; Olympian Horace Ashenfelter repeated in the Robertson two-mile.

Cardozo High of Washington won the interscholastic mile with a mark of 3:36.6, bettering by seven seconds the record set by Phelps Vocational last year. Phelps and Dunbar, all three thus being from Washington, were the only schools entered.

Kenneth Wiesner, U. S. Navy, leaped 6 feet 9½ inches to set a new world's indoor mark in the high jump.

The feature mile relay of the evening pitted Morgan State against Fordham, Pittsburgh and Manhattan. Favored Manhattan won, but Morgan's new team of Josh Culbreath, Bernard Boasman, Herman Wade and James Rogers gave them a battle. Vernon Jones anchored the winners, and as Rogers faded in the last lap, Raymond Lee, Pitt's anchor, forged into second position.

Olympic Champ Becomes West Coast Boxing Mentor

SAN JOSE, Cal.—Charley Adkins, winner of the Olympic Games lightweight title at Helsinki last summer, has been appointed boxing coach at San Jose State college.

The Gary, Ind., youngster thus becomes the first tan coach in the history of Pacific Coast college athletics.

Naming of Adkins came about when the Spartans were in search of a capable man to fill the shoes of the regular ring coach, Dee Portal, who is on sabbatical leave from the school.

One of the few Spartan boxers in history who have had prior ring experience, Adkins was a champion before he enrolled at the Washington Square institution. He won the national AAU tourney in 1950 while still a 17-year-old high school youth.

Lost Eligibility

This competition, however, cost him two years of eligibility at San Jose State, under the Pacific Coast Conference rules. He was allowed to compete last year as the PCC suspended the controversial "16-year-old" rule for the Olympic year.

Thus Adkins had only one year of varsity competition—last year as a sophomore—yet he won the national collegiate lightwelter - weight crown and the Olympic Games championship. In the finals at Helsinki, he handed Russia's Viktor Mednov his first loss in some 300 bouts to win the title in a tense, drama-packed battle, which was the only fistic pairing of United States and Russian ringmen.

All-Round Star

At Roosevelt High School in Gary, Indiana, Chuck was an all-state halfback, a pitcher on the baseball squad and a 9.9 sprinter. He made a dramatic varsity debut at San Jose State in a dual meet with Michigan State with a resounding victory over defending NCAA welterweight champion Jed Black. The young ringman, now only 20, went on to an undefeated season, capturing the Intermountain, Pacific Coast Intercollegiate and NCAA titles prior to his Olympic game feat.

Portal says that Adkins has more boxing skill than any other collegiate boxer he has seen and that he is well equipped to pass on this knowledge to the Spartan boxers. Adkins will also handle Portal's boxing classes. Chuck is married to his former Gary sweetheart, Virignia Cook. They are parents of two-year-old Charlotte.

Whitfield Wins 1000 In 2:21.7

KQUVALA, Finland, July 12 (UP).—Mal Whitfield, two-time Olympic 800-meter champion, ran the fastest 1000 meters ever recorded by an American while winning the event in 2:21.7 today during an international track and field meet.

Whitfield's time was just four-tenths of a second off the world record of 2:21.3 held by Olla Aaberg, of Sweden. Velisa Mqgosa, of Yugoslavia, established a new 1000-meter Yugoslavian mark of 2:24.4 in placing second behind Whitfield.

The fastest 1000 meters previously recorded by an American was a 2:26.4 clocking indoors by Lloyd Hahn in New York on March 26, 1927. The fastest 1000 meters previously run outdoors by an American was Tarver Perkins' 2:28.8 performance at Buffalo, N. Y., in 1948.

Whitfield, who bids for a world record every time he races, might have set one today if he hadn't slowed down after taking the lead.

Reino Hankia, of Finland, was the early leader and was timed in 54.0 at the 400-meter mark. At 600 meters, Whitfield burst to the front but the U. S. whippet surprisingly slowed the pace although he continued to lead. He hit the 800-meter mark in 1:52.5.

Parry O'Brien, the big star from the Los Angeles Athletic Club, continued his triumphant shotput and discus performances here by again capturing both events. The Olympic shotput champion won that event with a heave of 17.57 meters (57.62 feet) and took the discus with a toss of 49.74 meters (163.14 feet).

Whitfield Cracks 880 (American) World Record

TURKU, Finland —Marvelous Mal Whitfield passed the fourth milestone on his quest of ten world running records here Friday as he won the 880-yard feature of an international track and field meet.

The former Army Air Force sergeant, who boldly announced to New York newspapermen in February that he planned to set ten new marks this year, covered the half-mile distance in 2 minute 48.6 seconds. This is six-tenths of a second under the world record of 1:49.2 set by England's Sidney Wooderson and twice equalled by Whitfield.

Number Four On List

The 880 clocking here, though yet to be accepted as official, was No. 4 on the Whitfield calendar. During the indoor season, the long-striding Ohioan set marks of 56.6 seconds for 500 yards; 1:02.9 for 500 meters, and 1:09.5 for 600 yards.

Earlier in the week—at Kquvala, Finland, on Sunday—Whitfield won the 1,000-yard event in 2:21.7, just four-tenths of a second off the world record and faster than any American has ever toured the distance.

Second to Mal in his brilliant Friday achievement was Wes Santee, Kansas's sensational white miler, whose 4:02.4 clocking at Compton, Calif., last month was the fastest mile ever recorded.

Not Able To Loaf

It was due largely to the presence of Santee in the race that Whitfield turned his effort into one of record-breaking proportions.

Observers say that in his recent races, Mal has shown a tendency to loaf, and some feel that this has cost him several world marks in earlier summer contests.

With Santee pressing the front-running Whitfield throughout the latter had no chance to relax as is his custom.

Santee Makes Bid

As the race came within 25 meters of the finish, Wes pulled alongside and threatened to pass Mal, but the older runner put on steam and drew out.

Broken down, the Whitfield timetable for the distance shows how terrific was the big fellow's pace.

He hit the 400-meter mark in 53.2 and the 800 meters in 1:47..

Fans Roar Tribute

Although the natives have seen this country produce some of the world's greatest distance runners, the Turku stadium throng stood and roared its tribute as Whitfield crossed the finish line.

Following his triumphant 880, Mal and an all-tan foursome of Bill Miller, Jim Golliday and Reggie Pearman combined to capture the 800-meter relay event in 1:26.6.

Former Air Ace Fulfills Pledge To Smash 500 Mark

Remains Unbeaten For Season Along With Dillard And Bragg In New York Meet; Browne Wins 880

By SAM LACY
AFRO Sports Editor

NEW YORK—A world-record feat by Marvelous Mal Whitfield highlighted the annual New York A.C. indoor track meet, staged Saturday night before upward of 12,000 persons at Madison Square Garden.

The former air force sergeant, veteran of 42 combat missions over Korea, captured the celebrated Buermeyer 500-yard dash in the sensational time of 56.6 seconds, three-tenths under the clocking of George Guida, who set the previous mark for the distance in this same race four years ago—February 12, 1949.

Whitfield thus became the third tan star of the evening to protect an unbeaten skein for the indoor season. Before his brilliant accomplishment, Art Bragg, of Morgan State College, had taken the 60-yard dash title in 6.3 seconds, and Harrison Dillard, Cleveland's master hurdler, had grabbed the laurels in the 60-yard high fence event in 7.3.

Neither of the three has been defeated on the boards this year.

A fourth crown, this one in the form of a mild surprise, was picked up by Roscoe Browne, the spindly Morgan State College professor. Browne, running in the colors of the New York Pioneer Club, spanked a fashionable field of half-milers in the Matt Halpin 880, including the Metropolitan AAU champ, Reggie Pearman, and the winner of the Millrose feature, white Carl Joyce, of Georgetown university. Roscoe was caught in 1:55.7 on the watches.

Predicted Record

Easily the most spectacular achievement of the evening was the Whitfield triumph. For, although the smooth-striding Olympic king was conceded the victory, he had voluntarily placed himself over the proverbial barrel by predicting that he would do just what he did—crack the record.

With only four starters, the race was a truly run competition all the way. Herb McKenley, Whitfield's teammate on the star-studded Grand Street Boys Association roster, showed the most early speed as expected.

Breaking alertly, the slender Jamaican shot to the front with white Ollie Sax, of Penn State, dogging his heels. Whitfield, settling in stride, was content with third place, some four yards ahead of the trailing Joe Gaffney, of Villanova.

Wins By 7 Yards

After the first of the three laps, Mal moved past Sax, winner of the event last year, and closed somewhat on the flying McKenley. It was obvious that the Ohioan did not intend to let his speedy teammate steal too big a lead.

As the two leaders went into the bend for the final run down the backstretch, Whitfield took to the outside and swept past McKenley with the matchless grace that belongs to him alone.

At the tape, he was seven yards better than Sax who closed with a burst to take the runner-up spoils from McKenley.

The crowd, fully aware that Whitfield had made good his boast, if so it could be called, was a-buzz during the entire two-and-a-half minutes it took the timers to check their watches and announce their findings. When it was finally known, Mal was cheered to the echo in a heart-throbbing standing ovation.

Bragg's First Garden Win

First of the four tan champions to be crowned was Bragg, who, incidentally, never had won on the Garden boards before Saturday. Although he has been

ART BRAGG

victorious in meets in Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Boston, and elsewhere in this city, the mercury-heeled NCCA and national outdoor champion had always met with disaster in one form or another at the Garden.

Saturday's victory, however, was a soothing balm. For behind him at the finish were such accomplished sprinters as Ed Conwell, co-holder of the world indoor record for the distance and twice winner of the event, and white Johnny O'Connell, Manhattan college's defending champion from last year.

Race Over Early

Conwell, by the way, prior to losing by a long stride to Bragg, had equalled the meet mark of 6.2 seconds in taking his semi-final heat. O'Connell was two steps off Conwell in winding up third.

Dillard, still to be bettered, even in a qualifying heat, was away flying at the gun and by the time he reached his second hurdle, it was plain to see the race was over. Only a spill could prevent the Olympic titlist from registering his 28th consecutive indoor victory. The crowd knew it and the rest of the field knew it.

Second was white Art Barnard, of the Naval Academy, who finished third to the skinny Clevelander in Helsinki last summer. Charley Pratt, of Manhattan college, who has been chasing Dillard all winter, came a cropper at the third fence and was unplaced. Harrison's other young challenger, Milt Campbell, the New Jersey high school boy, was not an entry.

Leads All The Way

Probably the most expeditious, even if the least expected, victor of the night was Browne in the 880. He just grabbed the lead at the sound of starter Jack Lavelle's gun and, by the simple formula of staying in front, won all the way.

It was not, though, as easy as it may sound. Roscoe had to withstand repeated challenges from the opposition and at no time was in front by more than four yards.

In second place at the end was white Frank Turner, of Seton Hall, and in third was white Lawton Lamb Jr., of Chicago. Pearman, coming with his characteristic late rush, missed by inches of catching Lamb for the money spot.

'Dream Team' Scores

The Grand Street Boys Association "dream" quartet of Andy Stanfield, George Rhoden, McKenley and Whitfield easily conquered a handicap field in the club relay event, but missed by almost three seconds the unofficial world mark it set in winning a similar event in the Millrose Games ten days earlier.

With McKenley turning a sparkling third leg, the all-star New Jersey outfit won in 3.18. They had teamed to produce a 3:15.4 effort in the Millrose show. Second was the New York A.C. four running with a 25-yard handicap, and third was a "B" team from the New York Pioneer club, operating with a 20-yard advantage.

Stirring Anchor Chores

Raymond Lee, coming off a 10-yard deficit, anchored the Pittsburgh foursome to a stirring win in a duel with Colgate in one of the evening's several college relays. And Lou Jones put the finishing touches on a victory for Manhattan college in another, beating Columbia and Fordham, the former functioning with clever Rudy Clarence in the third hole.

Leonard Grace, former schoolboy sensation of the district, anchored a New York university freshman relay team to victory over Manhattan, Columbia and St. John's. And Bob Jones, in a driving finish, overhauled the field to give Tufts college a hard-earned triumph over Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Iona, Adelphi and Amherst.

Other individual place winners were Columbia's Al Thompson, second in the shotput to world record-holder Jim Fuchs; ex-Morgan State College harrier, Kelsey Brown, second to James Byrnes, of Manhattan, in a two-mile handicap, and the Pioneers' Ted Foy, runner-up to Fred Abington, Georgetown, in the Bartow S. Weeks 1,000-yard handicap.

Whitfield Speeds 400 In 0:46.2

COLOGNE, July 29 (AP).—America's fleet-footed Mal Whitfield turned in the fastest 400 meters of the year tonight when he stepped the distance in 46.2 seconds to complete a double in an international track and field meet.

The Olympic 800-meter champion came within four-tenths of a second of George Rhoden's 0:45.8 world record as Americans dominated the meet.

Jesse Washburn, of Norman, Okla., was second in 0:46.9 and Jim Lea, of the Los Angeles A.C., third in 0:47.3.

Whitfield also won the 800 in 1:48.4, finishing ahead of Henry Cryer, of the United States Army, who was clocked in 1:49.4.

Arthur Bragg, Morgan State sprinter from Baltimore, also put together a double. He won the 100-meter dash in 10.3 seconds and took the 200 in 20.6. His time for the 100 was one-tenth of a second slower than the world standard and the clocking for the 200 missed the world mark by four-tenths of a second.

Wes Santee, of Kansas, won the mile in 4:09.4, with Rolf Lamers, of Germany, second in 4:11.8 and Cryer third in 4:12.6.

The United States' 400-meter relay team was edged out by Germany in the sprint baton event but won the 1,200-meter relay in 3:14.7.

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What Negro Athletes Did In The NCAA Track and Field Meet at Lincoln, Neb.

By BURT F. NEWTON

MEMORIAL STADIUM, Lincoln, Neb. — Record tying performances of Willie Williams in the century and Leslie Laing in the 220 were feature performances by tan athletes in the preliminaries of the NCAA track and field meet held in Lincoln Friday, June 19.

Wind Spoils Efforts

However, neither man will get his name in the meet archives as all records were disallowed because of high and favoring winds.

Williams, stubby sprinter from Illinois, scooted the 100-yard event in :09.4 in the semifinals. He just shaded Thane Baker, Olympic sprinter from Kansas State.

Williams' time equaled the meet record held by George Simpson, of Ohio State. Frank Wykoff of Southern Cal., Ralph Metcalfe of Marquette and Jesse Owens of Ohio State.

Les Laing of Fresno State toured the 220 in :21.1 equalling Barney Ewell's mark for the event run around one turn. Laing represented Jamaica in the last Olympics.

Three Trial Heats

The 100 had three trial heats with the first four qualifying for the semi-finals.

Guy Blackburn of California was second in the first heat and Alex Burl of Colorado A&M was fourth. Clint Richardson, Washington State, failed to qualify.

Guy Richards, UCLA, was third in the second heat of the 100. Art Bragg, Morgan State, ran fourth with only four men competing. Bragg apparently was having leg trouble.

In the third heat of the 100 trial, Williams won in :09.8. Leslie Laing, Fresno State, was third and Otis Johnson, Morgan State was fourth. Bob Gary, Washington State, in failing to qualify pulled a muscle.

Time Was Disallowed

In the semi-finals with the first three qualifying for finals Williams won first heat in record equalling but disallowed time of :09.4.

Second semi-final heat of 100 was won by Guy Blackburn of California. Rod Richards of UCLA was second and Leslie Laing, Fresno State, was third. Time :09.6.

Bragg, Morgan State, did not run in semi-finals because of leg injury. Qualifiers for finals were Willie Williams, Illinois; Guy Blackburn, California; Rod Richards, UCLA; Leslie Laing, Fresno State.

The 220 had three trial heats with the first two men and the fastest third qualifying for the finals.

In the first heat with only three men competing Clint Richardson, Washington State, was second and Alex Burl, Colorado A&M, was third.

In the second heat of the 220 Joe Walker of LaSalle was second and Les Stevens, Miami (Ohio) was third. James Rogers, Morgan State, did not place.

Laing In First

The third heat of the 220 was won by Leslie Laing, Fresno State, in record equalling but disallowed time of :21.1. Rod Richards, UCLA, was third in this heat. Otis Johnson, Morgan State did not place. Qualifiers for 220 were Clint Richardson, Washington State; Joe Walker, LaSalle; Leslie Laing, Fresno State; Rod Richards, UCLA.

Van Bruner, Michigan, qualified for the 120-yard high hurdles finals. He ran third in his qualifying heat.

Lang Stanley, San Jose State, who had the best time for the 880 during the season, got boxed badly and had to be content with fourth place barely qualifying for the finals. Louie Gooden, Morgan State, ran in the second trial heat of the 880 but did not qualify for finals.

Josh Culbreath and Herman Wade both of Morgan State ran in trial heats of the 220-yard low hurdles but failed to qualify for the finals.

In the broad jump preliminaries George Shaw, Columbia; Bill Flowers, Colorado A&M; Tom Floyd, Illinois; Clint Richardson, Washington, competed. Floyd and Richardson qualified for the finals.

A Giant Athlete

This boy from Washington State, Howard McCants, is a giant of a fellow. He is 6 feet 8 1-2 inches and weighs well over 200. A senior in school, he was an end on the Cougars football team and also played basketball.

In the high jump, he took very little run before approaching the bar.

Bob Gary, Washington State was well out in front in his trial heat of the 100 before pulling a muscle.

Negro track fans from Omaha, Kansas City and St. Louis were among the more than 10,000 fans who viewed the meet. They were well rewarded. Besides the notable performances by tan athletes, they saw Sim Iness make his world record toss in the discus and the second fastest mile by an American when Santee ran the event in 4:13.7.

Only Negro Coach

Foot Notes—Eddie Hurt, coach of Morgan State college, Baltimore, Md., was the only colored coach at the NCAA meet. His prize pupil in competition was Olympian Art Bragg, but the Morgan athlete's legs were not in good shape and he did not compete in the 100 semi-finals after running fourth in his trial heat.

NCAA Track And Field Winners

The 100-yard dash won by Willie Williams, Illinois; third, Leslie Laing, Fresno State; fourth, Rod Richard, UCLA; fifth, Guy Blackburn, Caliornia. Time :09.7.

Lang Stanley, San Jose State, won 880. Time 1:52.4. Stanley is national prep champion in 880. Stanley ran fourth in qualifying heat Friday. Santee, Kansas, scratched after his 4:03.7 mile.

Mark Smith, Wayne, finished in three way tie for first in high jump at 6 feet 8 inches. Olympian Arnold Betton, Drake, finished in three way tie for fifth at 6 feet 8 inches. Howard McCants, Washington State; James Harper, Indiana; Herman Wade, Morgan State competed.

Van Bruner, Michigan, fifth in 120-yard high hurdles.

Tom Jones, Miami (Ohio), third in shot, 55 feet 7 5-8 inches. Al Thompson, Columbia, competed. Clint Richardson, Washington State, third broad jump, 24 feet 1 5-8 inches. Tom Floyd, Illinois, in finals.

Howard McCants, Washington State, sixth discus, 158 feet 6 1-2 inches. World record toss by Sim Iness, USC, broke meet record set by Archie Harris, Indiana, at Stanford, June 20, 1941. Al Thompson, Columbia and Tom Jones, Miami completed.

James Rogers, Morgan State, fifth in 440. 220 yard dash—Rod Richard, UCLA, third; Clint Richardson, Washington State, sixth. Joe Walker, LaSalle (Philadelphia) in finals.

Willie Williams tied meet record for 100 in semi-finals Friday but his :09.4 was disallowed because of wind.

Les Laing ran a 21.1 trial 220 to equal meet record of Barney Ewell. Disallowed for wind.

Olympian Art Bragg, Morgan State, pulled a muscle in his 100 trial. Morgan State had six men and coach Eddie Hurt.

Whitfield Smashes World 880 Record

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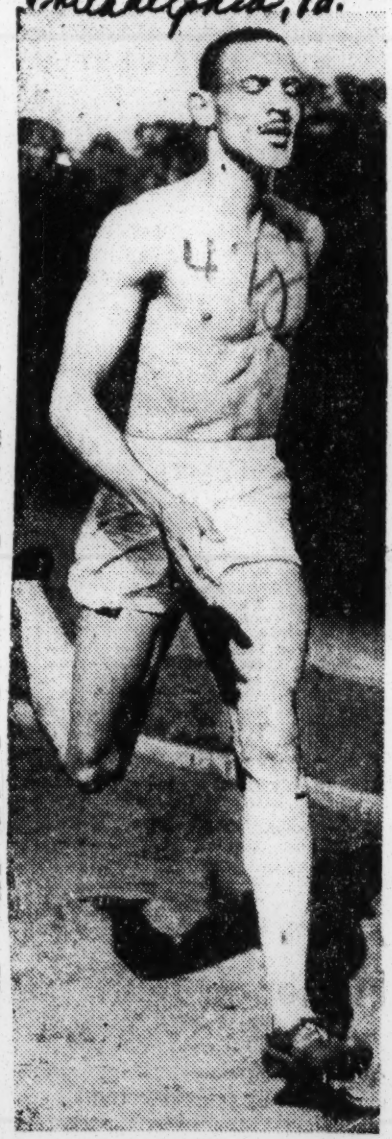


MAL WHITFIELD

Mal Does 1:48.6; Santee Runs 2d In Finnish Meet

Sat. 7-18-53

TURKU, Finland, July 17 (UP).—Mal Whitfield, the great middle distance runner who hopes to set 10 world records this year, collected his fourth today when he won the 880-yard run in 1:48.6 in the final meet of the United States track and field tour.

The former Ohio State star, two-time winner of the Olympic 800-meter run, bettered the world mark of 1:49.2 which he shared with Sidney Wooderson, of England.

During the 1953 indoor season in New York, Whitfield set marks of 0:56.6 for 500 yards, 1:02.9 for 500 meters and 1:09.5 for 600 yards. The International Athletic Federation does not list indoor clockings but Whitfield's times were the fastest ever posted indoors for those distances.

LEADS ALL THE WAY

Whitfield led all the way today. A tendency to relax after taking the lead has cost him several world marks in previous races this summer but he set a relentless pace over the Turku course and Kansas miler Wes Santee, who was second, also broke the old record with a clocking of 1:48.9.

Whitfield, racing through one of the finest campaigns in track history, hit the 400-meter mark in 0:53.2 and the 800-meters in 1:47.9. Santee hit the 800-meter marker in 1:48.7.

Santee, whose 4:02.4 clocking at Compton, Calif., last month was the fastest mile ever run by an American, rates an assist because he pressed Whitfield to the new record.

CROWD ROARS

The Kansas star almost passed Whitfield about 25 meters from the finish but appeared to have trouble breathing and Whitfield outran him to the tape. The fans of this country, which has produced some of the world's finest distance runners, stood and roared as the two Americans finished.

Y. Mugosa, Yugoslavia, was third and his 1:53.0 clocking was the fastest 880 yards ever run by a Yugoslav. Urpo Vaehae-Ranta, of Finland, was fourth in 1:53.5.

After winning the 880, Whitfield teamed with Bill Miller, U. S. Marines; Jim Golliday, U. S. Army, and Reggie Pearman, New York, to win the 800-meter relay race in 1:26.6.

Parry O'Brien, world shotput record holder from Los Angeles, won his specialty and also captured the discus event.

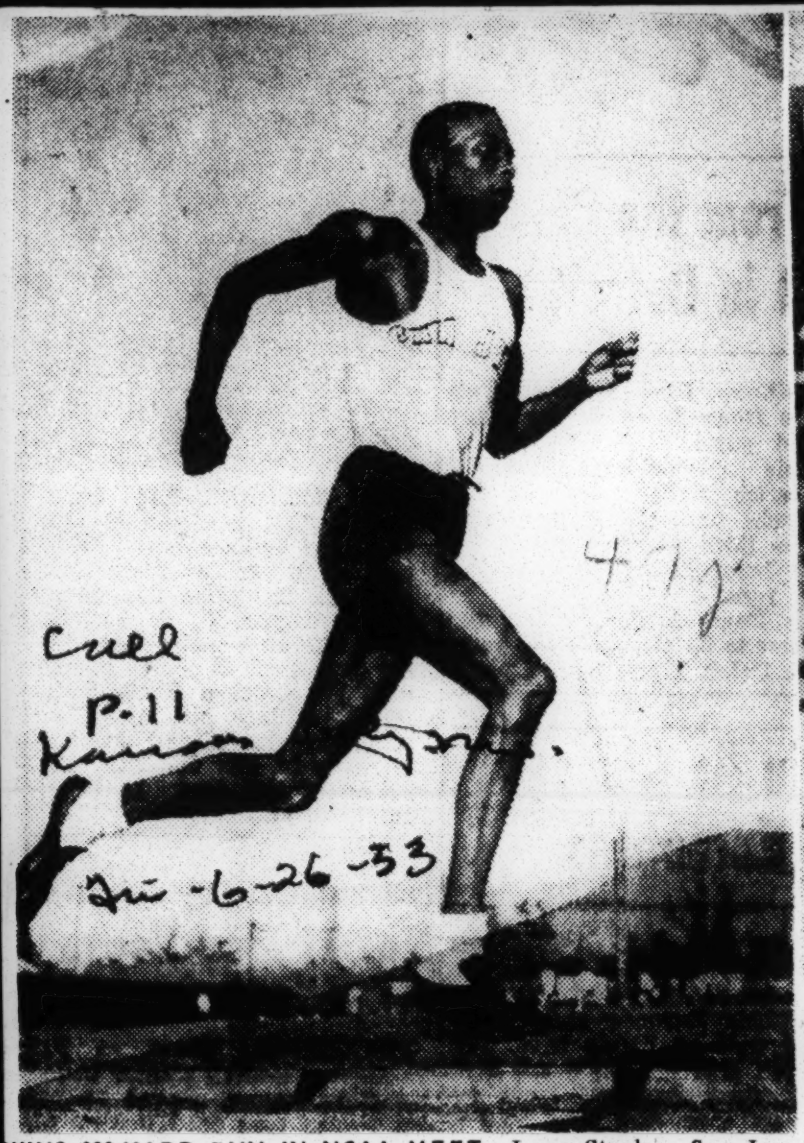
BEST IN FINLAND

O'Brien heaved the shot 17.75 meters (58 feet, 2.6 inches). It was the longest shotput ever recorded in Finland and O'Brien's second best effort. He won the Olympic title here last summer at Helsinki with a toss of 57 feet, 1.43 inches and set a new international record of 59 feet, 2⅞ inches last month at the Compton (Calif.) track meet.

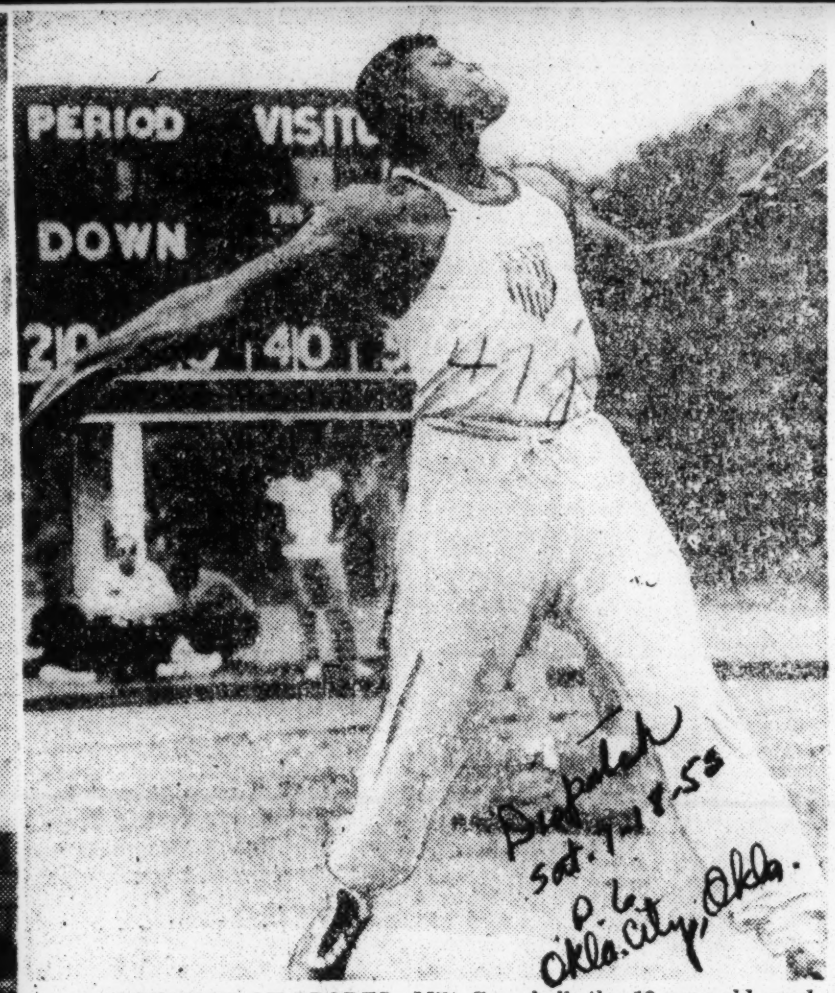
O'Brien took the discus with a toss of 50.59 meters (165 feet, 11.3 inches).

Young Ernie Shelton, Southern California, completed a triumphant tour for the visiting U. S. stars by winning the high jump with a leap of 2.08 meters (6 feet, 9.8 inches). Shelton attempted 2.12 meters (6 feet, 11.2 inches) in a bid to break the existing world record but couldn't make it. Miller, the U. S. javelin man who ran on the 800-meter relay team, also competed in the high jump and placed second by clearing 1.96 meters (6 feet, 5.2 inches).

In an all-Finnish 3000-meter race, Teuvo Loennqvist set a new national mark of 8:09.6.



WINS 880-YARD RUN IN NCAA MEET.—Lang Stanley, San Jose State college National prep champion, came through to capture the 880-yard run Saturday in the NCAA track and field meet in Memorial stadium, Lincoln, Neb. Stanley's winning time was 1:52.4. Stanley ran fourth in the qualifying heat Friday. He had the best time for the 880 this season but become boxed badly and had to be content with fourth place, barely qualifying for the finals. Trailing Lang Saturday were Paul Radenbush, Penn.; Paul Carlin, Wyoming; Gene Maynard, Ill.; Lon Spurrier, Calif., and Stacey Siders, Ill.



"SUPERMAN" OF SPORTS—Milt Campbell, the 18-year-old graduate of Plainfield High School in New Jersey, amazed spectators and townsfolk alike, by capturing the U. S. Decathlon title at a Jersey championship meet last week. The amazing young athlete took five out of ten events, scoring 7,235 points. Campbell, already being compared with the immortal Jim Thorpe, is shown tossing the discus to place second. (Newspress Photo.)

Whitfield Needs 6 More Marks

By the United Press.

TURKU, Finland, July 18.—Mal Whitfield, who has more plans than an army chief of staff, clipped off his fourth world record of the season yesterday when he won the 880-yard run in 1:48.6 to climax a track and field tour of Finland.

Whitfield knocked six-tenths of a second off the old mark of 1:49.2 which he shared with Sidney Wooderson of England. But as usual, he didn't meet his own exacting standard. Before leaving America, the former Ohio state star said he would do the 880 in 1:47.5 in Europe.

When the 1953 season began, Whitfield said he planned to get 10 new world marks during the year. So far, he has set four. During the indoor campaign in New York, he ran 500 yards in 56.6, 500 meters in 1:02.9 and 600 yards in 1:09.5.

Whitfield led all the way yesterday but owed a big assist to Kansas miler Wes Santee, who also broke the old 880 mark while finishing second in 1:48.9. Santee tried to pass Whitfield 25 yards from the tape.

Whitfield is the world's finest half-miler but he also wants to get into the race for the four-minute mile. He plans to compete in the mile in a meet in London early next month.

Whitfield Sets Record for 880

ABO, Finland, July 17.—Mal Whitfield, of New York, set a world record for 880 yards of 1:48.6 in an international track and field meet tonight. The old record of 1:49.2 was held jointly by Whitfield and Sidney Wooderson, of England. Wooderson set the record in 1938 and Whitfield tied it in 1950. Wes Santee, of Kansas, placed second in 1:49.6.

V. Mugosa, of Yugoslavia, was third with 1:53.0 and U. Vaharanta, of Finland, finished fourth with 1:53.5.

Whitfield took the lead from the start and held it till some 200 yards from the finish line when Santee passed him.

After a desperate fight Santee lost his step and faltered. Whitfield spurted ahead and left Santee several yards behind. The times for 800 meters were: Whitfield, 1:47.9; Santee, 1:48.7; Mugosa, 1:51:7.

HALF MILE MARK BY WHITFIELD BEST OF YEAR

Ran Against His Own Record in Finland

BY WILFRID SMITH

[Chicago Tribune Press Service]

Lafayette, Ind., Aug. 8—Two world records were established this year in this country in national track and field competition. Walt Davis set a new standard for the high jump and Sim Iness broke the discus mark.

Without further comment it is quite likely that the world record that Mal Whitfield set last month in Abo, Finland, when he ran the half-mile in 1:48.6 attracted more attention by coaches than either of the others.

Whitfield was working against a world standard, which he himself had shared with Sidney Wooderson of England, which many believed could not be broken. In particular, while the track fans universally applaud Whitfield's superb performances, more than a few believed he had passed the peak of the career.

Set Mark in 1938

Wooderson established the former world mark of 1:49.2 in 1938. Twelve years later Whitfield tied it. Now he has broken it when he reasonably could have coasted to the conclusion of his competition secure in his triumphs in two Olympic games and in many National A. A. U. meets.

Whitfield's super mark in Finland unquestionably was based on the condition of the track. No matter how great the athlete, he cannot break track records unless he has advantage in excellent conditions. This primarily means the nature of the track and then the weather conditions become equally important.

Gunder Hagg of Sweden, who holds the world's mile record, couldn't approach this standard in several of his barnstorming races in the United States because of inferior tracks. But, adverse weather conditions — high winds and heat—can stop Hagg or any other athlete even if he has a perfect track on which to run.

Fails To Approach Mark

Wes Santee of Kansas, who ran a mile in 4:02.4 last spring in California, never had a chance to approach this mark in Dayton, O., two months ago in the National A. A. U. games. Excessive heat and himidity and a soft course were hurdles no runner could have cleared. Actually Santee's time of 4:07.6 was exceptional under the conditions.

Two weeks ago Santee ran the 1,500 meters in Goteburg, Sweden on 3:44.2. This is the fastest time ever posted by an American runner. It broke the mark of 3:45.3 set by Bob McMillen. Incidentally, Hagg and Lennart Strand hold the world record of 3:43. Here again Santee had benefit of a fine track and the temperature required for a superior mark.

Santee still may be the first runner to accomplish a four minute mile. If he does, part of the record will be the luck of weather. But the meet must be held on a course which meets the excellent standards described.

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OLYMPIANS SHINE IN INTERSER VICE MEET

Art Barnard Scores Double Win; Cooke Takes High Jump

Fort Jackson Host To Service Afro-american Teams; Army Emerges Top Scorer

Baltimore, Md.

COLUMBIA, S.C.—The inter-service track and field meet held here recently brought to Columbia 10 Olympic athletes and many college and AAU champions for the second such meet held by service teams. p.17

Among them were:

Allie Matson, quarter - miler; George Brown, broad jumper; Warren Drutzler, distance runner; Vern McGrew, high jumper, Army entrees who participated in the Olympics.

Air Force men who made the trip to Helsinki last year were Jim Barnes, middle distance man; Jim Gathers, sprinter, and George Mattos, pole vaulter.

Navy Representatives

For the Navy, Ken Weisner, high jumper; Art Barnard, 120-high hurdler, and Bill Miller, Camp Pendleton Marine, who placed second in the javelin throw last year in Helsinki.

Pincus Sober, W. S. Olympic track committeeman, and Dan Ferris, secretary treasurer of the AAU, were honorary guests of Major General John A. Dabney, Fort Jackson commander.

Frank Rivera, representing the Marines, breasted the tape in 47.8 ahead of Henry Cryer (formerly of Illinois) and Matson of San Francisco fame.

Cryer Wins 880

Cryer won the 880 in 1:52.8 and also anchored the Army mile relay team of Conrad Jones, Harry Bright and Matson in 1.16.4. Sat. 7-11-53

Bright took the baton from Jones and circled the 440 in 48.2, the fastest quarter of relay. Bright's quarter put the Army team some 20 yards ahead, a lead it never had cut down.

The Army's Jim Golliday, who won the 100-yard dash, and was former NCAA champion, breasted the tape less than a step behind Navy's Fred Lucas on the anchor leg of the 440-yard relay time 53.9. Bright, a Fort Jackson entry, was formerly captain of the Seton Hall cindermen.

The Army took team honors with 88 points and 7 first places; the Navy, 8 first and 59½ points; the Marines, third with 37 and the Air Force trailed with 35½ points. The Leathernecks took two firsts and the Air Force three.

The Navy team was timed in 41.7.

Barnard Double Winner

Barnard, who finished second in the 120-yard high hurdles in Helsinki last year, sped the timbers in 14.2. He also clinched the 220 lows on Friday. James Jackson (Marines) was second with Claude Diggs a close third.

The 220-yard dash was won by Jim Ford of the Air Force in 21.8, he was followed by Alex Litman and Gathers. Gathers placed third in the 200-meter dash in the '25 Olympics.

Miller won the javelin throw with a toss of 228' 2½. Big Jim Cooke, formerly of Lincoln University in Penn., placed second in the discus and third in both the shot and high jump.

Cooke Takes High Jump

Cooke, who holds the All-Army record and was Inter-Service winner at the Olympics and current indoor high jump record holder at 6'20¾, won this event with a leap of 6'6".

Brown, UCLA star, and probably the world's greatest jumper, won the broad jump with a leap of 25' 2½".

Drutzler, former Michigan State star, now representing the Army, was the iron man of the meet. He swept the three distance events, the three-mile run, two-mile steeple chase and the mile run. Drutzler's time in the mile was 4.14.

Felton Sets New Record

Sam Felton, AAU record holder in the 16-lb. hammer throw, threw the ball 180' 7" to establish a new inter-service record, while Mattos cleared the pole vault at 14 feet for a new record.

The 440-yard low hurdles race ended in almost a photo finish. Fred Faucett and Bright running in adjoining lanes severed the tape almost simultaneously. Faucett, representing the Air-Force, was given first place in

Stanfield, Brown And Bragg Win

Chicago, Ill. Chicago Defender p.24

DAYTON, Ohio —Six tan athletes captured championships in the 65th annual two day Amateur Athletic union track and field meet which closed here last Saturday.

The tan champions are Mal Whitfield, Art Bragg, Andy Stanfield, George Shaw, Josh Culbreath, and George Brown. Sat 7-4-53

Whitfield, the great middle distance runner and winner of the 800 meters races at the 1948 and 1952 Olympics, captured the 880 in a well run race. The smooth Whitfield blazed around the track of the Dayton high school in 1:51.5, to equal the meet record set by Ed Genung of Washington AC, in 1931.

SHAW WINS TITLE

George Shaw, representing the Pioneer club of New York, won the hop, step and jump crown with a leap of 47 feet 8 inches. George Cook, U. S. army, was fourth with 46 feet 7 1-2 inches.

Milton Campbell, Plainsfield, N. J. Boosters club, was second in the 120-yard high hurdles. Willie Stevens, Tennessee State university, was sixth.

Andy Stanfield, Olympic 200 meters champion, captured the 220-yard dash in :21.2, to equal the meet record set by George Simpson, Ohio State, in 1930. Herb McKenley, Grand Street Boys club, was fifth.

Cook of the army was fifth in the discuss throw with a heave of 167 feet 11 inches.

George Brown, former UCLA ace who finished second in the Olympics of 1952, won the broad jump Friday night with a leap of 25 feet 10 3-4 inches. Brown is now in the armed forces. Ned Gourdine, former Cornel university star hurdler and broad jumper, was second at 24 feet 2 3-4 inches. Gourdine represented the Pioneer club of New York.

John Culbreth of Morgan State college who failed to qualify for the finals in the 220-yard low hurdles in the NCAA meet in Lincoln, Neb., last week, tied the 440-yard hurdle mark as he scampered over the timbers in :52.5. The record was set by John Gibson of Bloomfield Catholic Lyceum in 1927.

Art Bragg, Morgan State college, after failing to reach the semi-finals in the NCAA because of a pulled leg muscle, proved that he had gained top form by whipping a fast field in the 100-yard dash. Bragg, who suffered a leg injury in the Olympics, was timed in :09.5, equaling the meet record set by Toppino and Frank Wykoff in 1931.

GOLLIDAY FAILS IN 100

Jim Golliday, former Northwestern university star, was third, behind Thane Baker of Kansas State. Ira Murchison, representing the Chicago CYO, was sixth. Golliday represented the Army and CYO.

Bill Miller, defending champion, was third in the javelin with a heave of 229 feet 11 1-2 inches. Miller, who won the Olympic title, is now serving in the Marines.

Reggie Pearman, defending champion in the 800 meters, finished third in the 880. The Pioneer club runner was behind Henry Cryer, former University of Illinois star and now in the armed forces, who was second to Whitfield. Sat. 7-4-53

Herb McKenley, Grand Street Boys club, was second in the 440-yard dash. Tom Jones, Miami university, was third in the shot put at 53 feet 7 inches. James Rodgers, Morgan State college, was fourth in the 440.

'Skegee Women Capture Junior AAU Track Title

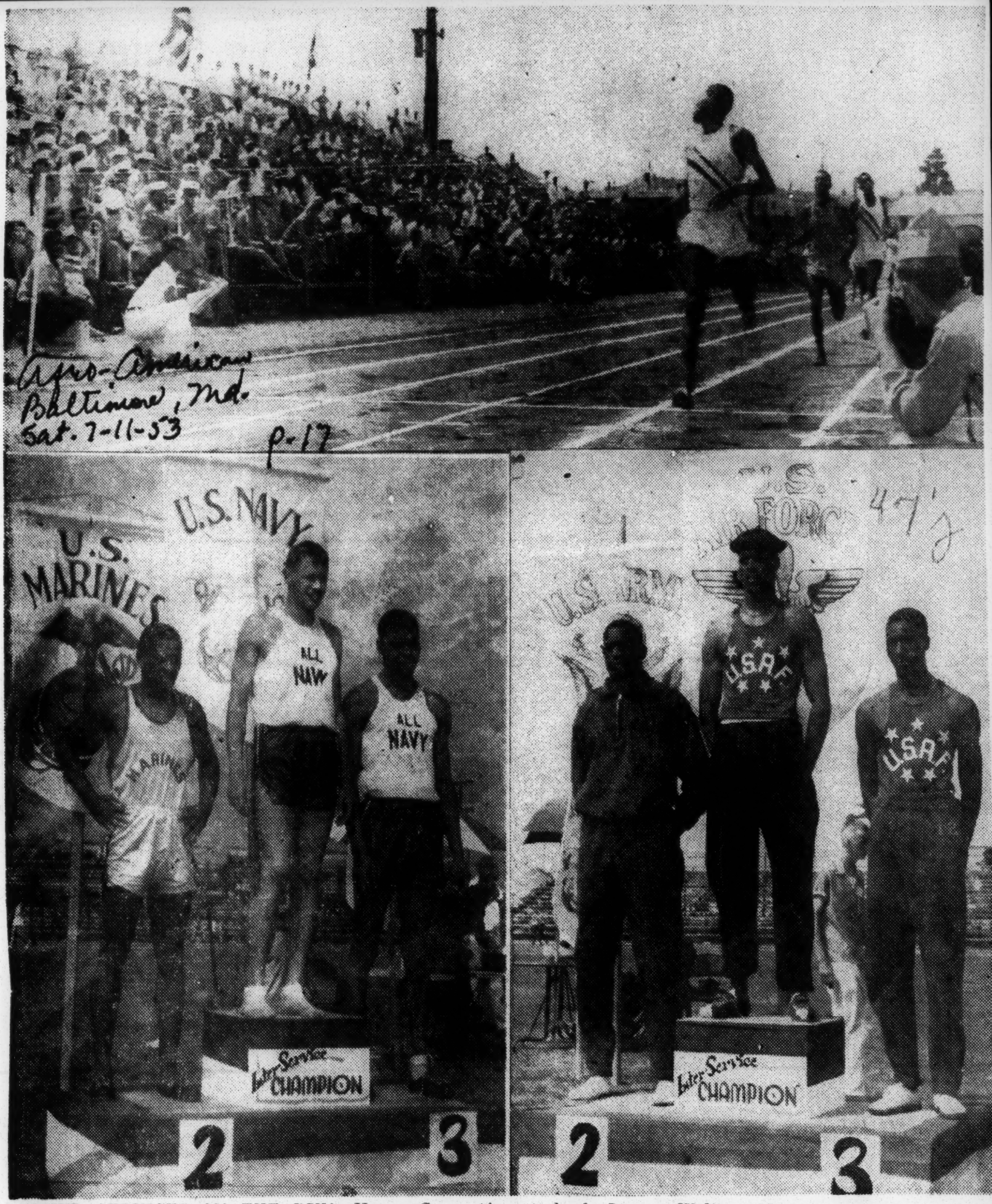
World Atlanta, Ga. p. 6

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Four smooth-striding cinder stars led Tuskegee Institute of Tuskegee, Ala., to the championship in the National AAU Junior Track and Field meet here Friday night.

Tuskegee scored 150 points to replace Chicago CYO as junior division champions. The Chicagoans were second with 89 points. Sun. 7-26-53

Josephine Gilmore, Arlene Pugh and Edyth Moten finished one-two-three in the 100-meter dash. Miss Gilmore's time was 12.3 secs. Miss Moten was first in the 200-meter dash in 25 seconds. Rosie Chapman, the fourth of the Tuskegee speedsters, failed to win an event, but placed in both sprints.

Miss Pugh took another first place for Tuskegee by winning the broad jump with a leap of 17 feet 3-4 inch.



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ARMED SERVICES ON THE RUN—Henry Cryer (Army), leads Jerome Walters (Marines), and Harry Bright (Army), to the tape in the 880-yard run, winning in 1:58.2. Left photo: James Jackson (Marines), second; Art Barnard (Navy), winner of 120-yard high hurdles in 12.2, and Claude Diggs (Navy), third. Right photo: Alex Litman (Army), second; Jim Ford (Air Force), winner in 220-yard dash in 21.6. and Jim Gathers (Air Force), third.

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MEET MONOPOLIZERS: The Grand Street Boys—Herb McKenley, Mal Whitfield, George Rhoden and Andy Stanfield, left to right, shown here being congratulated by meet chairman Mike Howard after setting a world sprint medley record in last week's nationals—are going after the world record in the mile relay next Saturday in the Knights of Columbus games. In addition, Whitfield will run the 880 and 600, McKenley the 600 and Stanfield the 60-yard dash

Stanfield, Bragg Beaten In AAU Meet; Gourdine Wins

Grand St. Boys Foursome Sets New World Mark In Medley Relay; Outdoor Meet to Dayton, O.

NEW YORK — Overcoming a near-spill on the first lap of the race, Mal Whitfield surged to a hairline victory over blonde Ollie Sax, of Penn State, to capture the national indoor 600-yard crown in the annual AAU track and field championships at Madison Square Garden Saturday night.

A few minutes earlier, Whitfield's fellow - Ohioan, Harrison Dillard, had taken the 60-yard high hurdles title in clever fashion from A. and T. College's ambitious Lee Calhoun.

For Whitfield, it was his first triumph in a five-year quest of the board championship, although he has frequently held the comparable out-of-doors title at 880 yards. For Dillard, however, Saturday's victory marked his seventh consecutive acquisition of the fence trophy.

the 600, was Reggie Pearman, a former national champion at the distance. The late-running overtaking the two leaders and, in fact, made it so close that all three were credited with the same 1:10.4 time, just two-tenths of a second off the world record held jointly by Whitfield and the late Johnny Borican.

Dillard was caught in 7.3 seconds as he romped home three feet ahead of the steadily improving Calhoun. The latter, incidentally, was making it two in a row over Olympian Milton Campbell, of Plainfield, N.J., whom the CIAA star whipped in the Evening Star Games in Washington early last month.

Smash World Mark

Following Gourdine's broad-jump win, Whitfield teamed with George Rhoden, Herb McKenley and Stanfield to smash the world record in the sprint medley relay race.

With Rhoden running the 220-yard leg, Stanfield the 300, McKenley the 400, and Marvelous Mal the 100, the Grand Street Boys Club's "dream" foursome captured the event in 1:52 flat, lowering by seven-tenths of a second the previous mark for the distance, held by Manhattan college since 1952.

Before the meet got under way, Pioneer Club star barely missed officials of the AAU announced that the outdoor meet will be held June 26-27 at Dayton, Ohio.

Stanfield, Bragg Bow

Beaten in what might well be termed an upset were Andy Stanfield and Art Bragg who, between them, have captured all the major sprint events of the current indoor season.

Stanfield, after tying the world mark of 6.1 seconds at the distance, bowed to white Johnny Haines, of Pennsylvania, in the finals. Bragg, Morgan State College's speedy boardman, was fourth in the title bracket, finishing behind Johnny O'Connell, of Manhattan.

The broad jump title went to Meredith Gourdine, ex-Cornell university all-round star. Gourdine, second in the 1952 Olympic Games at Helsinki, took the event with a leap of 24 feet, 9½ inches.

Three Get Same Time

In Whitfield's victorious essay, one which kept him undefeated for the season, the former Ohio State College and Army Airforce representative almost lost his footing as he tripped over Joe Gaffney, of Villanova, as the field was touring the first trip around the Garden oval. He recovered and was up to win from Sax in the final strides. But experts were unanimous in the opinion he lost several yards in the jam.

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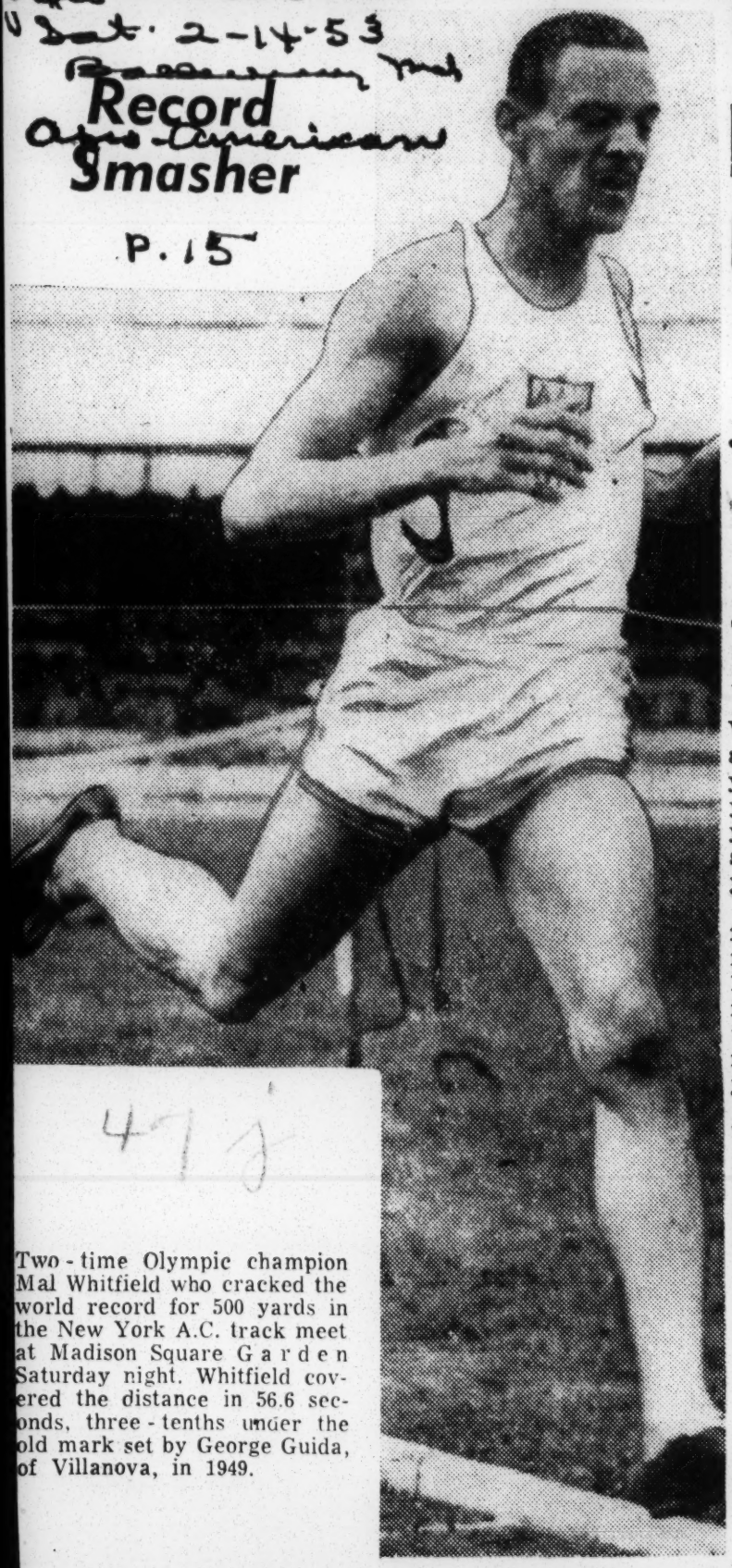

Two-time Olympic champion Mal Whitfield who cracked the world record for 500 yards in the New York A.C. track meet at Madison Square Garden Saturday night. Whitfield covered the distance in 56.6 seconds, three-tenths under the old mark set by George Guida, of Villanova, in 1949.

WHITEFIELD, DILLARD, NATION'S LEADING TRACK STARS, IN CHICAGO DAILY NEWS RELAYS

17,000 Fans See 250 Athletes Participate in Competition

JESSE OWENS AND RALPH METCALFE ACT AS JUDGES

(By Luix Virgil Overbea

CHICAGO — (ANP) — Whitfield of the Grand Street Boys club of New York and Harrison Dillard of Cleveland once more proved themselves the nation's two leading track stars, Saturday night as they were the only double winners in the 17th annual Chicago Daily News Relays.

A crowd of 16,672 fans saw Whitfield tie his own world record at 500 meters as he took the 600 yard run and also take the 1,000 yard run. Dillard won the 60 yard high hurdles for the seventh straight year, and he took the 50-yard dash.

Whitfield was attempting to set four world's records, but only managed to tie his world mark of 1:02.9 at 500 meters as he took in 1,09.7. His winning time for the 600, however, broke his own meet record of 1:11.2, made last year.

In running the 1,000 yard race, Whitfield had hoped to set new records at 800 meters and at 1,000 yards, but missed out on both. Special clockers timed him at 1:57.3 at 800 meters and he won the 1,000 yard in 2:13.

He received the Harry Gill trophy for taking the 1,000 yard run and the Frank Hill award for taking the 600.

Dillard took his specialty, the 60 yard high sticks in :07.3, edging out Van Bruner of Michigan. He ran the 50 yard dash in the slow time of :05.4, beating out Willie Williams of Illinois, the Big Ten champ who finished second; Jim Golliday now in the army at Camp Gordon, Ga., the defending champion, and Edgar Brabham.

The outstanding event of the meet, however, was the high jumping of Ken Wiesner, a navy lieutenant at Great Lakes. He sat a new world's record of 6 feet 10 three-fourth inches. Also features in the high jump were Arnold Betton of Drake and Ronald Mitchell of Champaign, Ill. They were eliminated at the 6 feet 5 inches mark.

Ted Wheeler, running a terrific second leg in the university mile relay, led Iowa to victory in 3:21.2. over Illinois and Purdue.

Individual winners included Len Truex in the famed Bankers' mile in 4:10.9, Horace Ashenfelter in the two mile run in 9:08.5, and the Rev. Bob Richards as usual in the pole vault at a height of 15 feet 3 inches.

More than 250 athletes participated in these relays, sponsored for the benefit of the Chicago Daily News Veterans Fund. Among the officials were famed track stars of yesteryear—Jessie Owens and Ralph Metcalfe. Both acted as finish judges.

Prairie View Wins Relay Net Crown

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas—Prairie View A. & M. college dominated the tennis scene here today by winning the men's singles and doubles in the 21st annual intercollegiate tennis tournament.

Arnold Brigman of Prairie View won the men's singles, beating Joseph Bailey of Wiley college, 8-19, 6-4 and 6-3.

Ann Tubbs of Prairie View topped Mildred Chase of Tuskegee, 6-2, 6-3 in the finals of the women's singles. The team of Tubbs and Holloway defeated Tuskegee's Chase and Frances, 6-1, 6-1.

To cop the championship in the men's doubles, Brigman and Sam Williams, of Prairie View, defeated the team of Irby and Gaston of Tuskegee, 4-6, 6-1, 7-5, 6-4 in the finals.

Schools represented in the tournament were Wiley college, Southern university, Houston-Tillotson, Texas, Tuskegee and Prairie View.

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By ARTHUR DALEY

Man in a Rut

THERE isn't much doubt about it. Mal Whitfield is in a rut. However, it is a pleasant sort of rut and Marvelous Mal is quite content to stay there. He plunged into that furrow at Helsinki last summer and shows no inclination to climb out. Here are the facts:

At the London Olympics in 1948, Whitfield defeated Arthur Wint, the giant from Jamaica, for the 800-meter championship in 1:49.2, an Olympics record.

At the Helsinki Olympics in 1952, Whitfield defeated Arthur Wint, the giant from Jamaica, for the 800-meter championship again in 1:49.2.

Is that consistency or is that consistency? The silken running machine from Ohio State then moved indoors, which never before had been considered a suitable medium for him. In fact, he had only won once indoors. But he soon slipped into that single-track way of doing business again. He has whipped through to victory in all four starts, getting better as he has progressed.

Not Enough Effort

In Boston last Saturday all that Marvelous Mal achieved was the equalling of the world record of 1:10.2 for 600 yards. He seemed to loaf in the homestretch while doing it. That provoked one Boston writer into a strange decision. The scribes were polled after the meet for a vote on the outstanding performance. One lad refused flatly to cast a ballot for Whitfield.

"He wasn't even trying," he protested.

What does the guy want—blood? No one can break or equal a world record without putting some effort into it. Poor Mal couldn't even get an "A" for effort from the chap with the circuitous reasoning process.

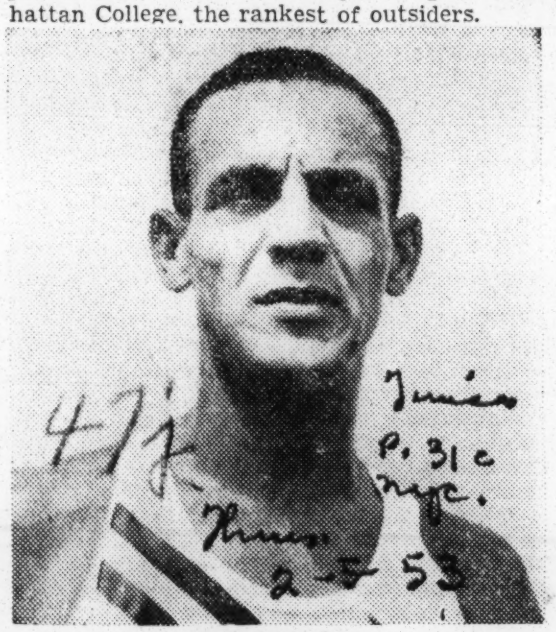
The one-time Air Force sergeant from Lockbourne will shoot for another victory and another record at the New York A. C. Games in Madison Square Garden on Saturday in the shorter Buermeyer 500—unless he switches to the Halpin 880. The way the fields in the cup races are juggled these days a guy has trouble in keeping up with them. All he can be sure of is that the fields will be swift and well matched.

Presuming that Whitfield sticks to the 500, one rugged problem immediately arises. Herbert McKenley, his team-mate from the Grand Street Boys, is in that race and Hustling Herbert really can fly. If Hustling Herbert is not the most frustrated fellow ever to try for an Olympic championship, he'll have to do until a more stymied performer comes along.

Always a Bridesmaid

Back in 1948 the experts agreed that McKenley of Jamaica was an absolute shoo-in for the 400-meter title. So did Hustling Herbert but he faltered in the stretch with victory in his grasp as Wint triumphed.

In 1952, Hustling Herbert shrewdly sized up all fields and elected to try for an odd double, the 100 and the 400. He thundered down to the tape in the century and crossed the line in a photo-finish with little Lindy Remigino of Manhattan College, the rankest of outsiders.



Mal Whitfield

Everyone was congratulating McKenley on his victory — including Remigino — when someone tapped the young man of Manhattan on the shoulder and whispered in his ear. With a horrified look on his face litttle Lindy turned to Hustling Herbert.

"Gosh, Herb," he said apologetically, "it looks as though I won the dang thing." He had done precisely that.

When McKenley took a whirl at the 400 a few days later, George Rhoden, also of Jamaica, edged him out for the championship.

"What does a guy have to do to win in this league?" moaned McKenley.

A Gold Medal at Last

Before Hustling Herbert gave up in complete despair he finally got his gold medal as one of Jamaica's relay runners at 1,600 meters (approximately 16 yards short of a mile). The time was a stupendous 3:03.9 for a world record. The fellow who blasted the race wide apart, though, was McKenley. He ran his metric quarter in the unbelievable time of 44.6 seconds! Well did he deserve his first-place gold medal when he finally got it.

In that same race, Rhoden of Jamaica and Whitfield of the United States both were clocked in the breath-taking figures of 0:45.5. This is important, because there will be a relay race at the New York A. C. Games just as there was at the Millrose Games, featuring the Grand Street Boys. It will be a handicap race and again won't count for a record. In the Millrose meet this quartet did 3:15.4 (better than the old mark by far) and they'll probably do it again. However, their first legitimate chance at acceptance will come in the National A. A. U. championships at the Garden a week from Saturday.

The line-up of that team is interesting. It presents in order: Andy Stanfield, the Olympic 200-meter champion; McKenley, the guy you should know about by now; Rhoden, the Olympic 400-meter champion, and Whitfield, the Olympic 800-meter champion.

Oh, yes. The Winged Foot will have unbeaten Fred Dwyer in the Baxter Mile; Olympic Champion Horace Ashenfelter in the Toussaint Two-Mile and all the other good ones. No television, folks. You'll have to pay to see it.

Star Setting Record Pace

Mal Whitfield Is Surprise Of Indoor Track Season

By JOHN BARRINGTON
International News Service

NEW YORK—Mal Whitfield used to be regarded as a sad case — poetry in motion outdoors, but a fellow whose long, loose stride endangered his life and limb on the snug, steeply-banked indoor ovals.

Marvelous Mal, the Olympic 800-meter champion in both 1948 and 1952, always insisted it wasn't so. The trouble was, he said, that his duties as an Air Force sergeant kept him from training properly for the winter meets.

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WHITFIELD'S out of the Air Force now after nine years, and he's proving his point. He's still featuring that classic long stride, but nobody has been able to catch him on the banked-curve circuit this winter.

What's more, the 28-year-old Whitfield is bent on collecting a hatful of records. Recently, at Boston, he tied the world 600-yard indoor mark of 1:10.2. Last weekend, although torn between 500 yards and his first love, the half mile, he set a new 500 record in the New York Athletic Club games at Madison Square Garden.

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IF MAL does go in the 880, he'll probably clash with Heinz Ulzheimer, the German star who set a 1:52.2 meet record in the Millrose Games. An expected Whitfield-Ulzheimer showdown in the Boston 600 failed to come off when Ulzheimer lost a shoe on the first Jan. Dec. 2-21-53 Heinz picked up a foot-full of splinters in the mishap, and he plans a layoff until he decides whether to race again.

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IF WHITFIELD is the surprise of the indoor season, the next biggest one—in a negative sense—is the ineptitude of erstwhile indoor mile king Don Gehrmann, who hasn't finished better than third in four races.

Desperation turned the Milwaukee thin man, who used to hang back off the pace and then win with a final kick, into an early trail-blazer last week. He paced a fast 2:02.7 half in the Wanamaker Mile at Madison Square Garden. And at Boston he led the pack to the 880 role in a relatively slow 2:05.8.

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BUT SPEED-UP or slow-down, the result was the same. Fred Dwyer, the Villanova College senior who is undefeated this winter, came on to win as he pleased. And Gehrmann salved a fourth and a third.

Don plans to stay out of the NYAC meet, then come back for the National AAU championships — perhaps to challenge Whitfield and Ulzheimer in the 880.

Whitfield Wins AAU 600 Title

By LES MATTHEWS

NEW YORK — With a burst of speed and flying feet amid flashing photographers' bulbs, two-time Olympic 800 meter king Mal Whitfield tagged the tape in 1:01.4 to win the 600-yard event in the National Amateur Athletic union indoor meet in Madison Square Garden, Saturday night.

The victory was Whitfield's fifth straight, and kept his record unsullied for the indoor season.

Mal had to put on a terrific burst of speed to grab the honors. He started fast, but stumbled as he rounded the first turn, Ollie Sax of Penn state, taking lead. With almost certain defeat staring him in the face; the smooth- Californian turned on the gas and closed the gap and edged Sax out at the finish.

Olympic sprint ace, Andy Standfield, often called the fastest man in the world, was beaten by Philadelphia's John Haines in the 60-yard dash, in :06.2.Standfield probably outdid hmself in the semi-final. He was forced to cover the distance in :06.1, which equals the record, to beat Haines. John O'-Connell was third and Morgan's Art Bragg was fourth.

It was an all-Negro final in the 60-yard high hurdles, won by balding Harrison Dillard, in :07.3. Lee Calhoun of North Carolina State college was second, and Milton Campbell, New Jersey high school star, was third. Charles Pratt of Manhattan was fourth.

A new world's mark was made by the Grand Street Boys club team in the sprint medley relay. The team of Whitfield, George Rhoden, Herb McKenley and Stanfield was clocked in 1:52, wtth Whitfield running only 100 yards.

Cynthia Robinson of Harlem's 28th precinct Police Athletic League running a leg for the PAL quartet in the women's 640-yard relay, enabled the team to win in 1:18.6, as the little Harlem lass sped past the German AC's Constance Dawnowski.

Tuskegee Relay Carnival Track And Field Schedule

BY MARION E. JACKSON

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. — A two-day sports carnival blending track, tennis and golf opens today with the Silver Anniversary Women's Sports Day and 27th annual Tuskegee Relays. Other events are the 27th annual Tuskegee Relays. Other events are the 27th annual Southern Intercollegiate tennis championships and the annual Southern Intercollegiate Golf championships.

A glittering turnout of Olympic and AU women aces has heightened interest in this years Women Sports Day. Participating are Barbara Jones, Mabel Landry, Francis Lyman, Doris Thompson and June Spahn of the Chicago CYO; Lula Bell, Arlene Pugh, Josephine Gilmore, Tuskegee Institute; May Fagg Cynthia Thompson, Patricia Monsanto, Tennessee State; along with top-billed stars from Bethune-Cookman, Alabama State Fort Valley State, etc. will participate.

The men's division will be highlighted by Texas Southern, Prairie View, Wiley, Grambling, Texas College, Langston, Southern, Florida A and M, Clark College, Alabama State, Morehouse, Morris Brown, Fort Valley State, N. C. A and T College, Winston Salem Teachers, Savannah State, Paine and ten or more leading Southern colleges.

FLORIDA SPOTLIGHT

The spotlight is on Florida A and M, N. C. A and T, Texas College who acknowledgedly have the fastest entries in the meet.

Clark College's John Cannon is expected to duel Donald Fairley of A and T in the hurdles. Both are the area's best in this division.

Tuskegee's speedy relay quartet of Arthur Dunn, Thomas McCormick, Ernest Gibson and Charles Bonner, is rated one of the best in the mile relay field. The Tuskegee foursome, winner of the 'Bama Relay sprint medley, is also a threat in this afternoon's running this speciality.

Jack McClairen, ranking discus champion of the SIAC, is rated No. 1 to cop honors in this field event.

Florida A and M's James Moore will meet Harold Horne, A and T, Bennie Foster, Fort Valley State; Melvin Brown, Clark College and Milton Byard in the century event.

Florida's sprint medley team composed of Frank Brown, James Moore, Oliver Gross, and Leroy Bell is also liked.

Bernie Thomas, winner of the two mile run at Alabama State, will meet a field that includes James Jackson of Famcee and Samuel Jackson of Tuskegee.

John Arnold, Famcee; Frank Turner, Fort Valley State; and Harold Donald, Famcee are threats in the pole vault.

JAVELIN FIELD

The javelin will have a field that includes Charles Tisdale, A and T; Clarence Durley, Tuskegee; and Levon Green, Fort Valley State.

Roman Turmon, Clark College; Wiliam Boyers, A and T; Clavin Gladden, Florida A and M, and a galaxy of others compete in the shot put.

Tuskegee's women team will be sparked by Lula Bell, Robbie Hendricks, Mamie Brown, Josephine Gilmore, Orlean Pugh, Corine Dade and Florence Pugh.

PACED BY ART BRAGG:

Morgan Wins 5 American Championships At Penn

PHILADELPHIA — Little Morgan State College, Baltimore, Md., with a male enrollment of only 800 students, walked away with five of the 20 major championships in competition with the big powers of the East and Midwest at the 59th Penn Relays here Friday and Saturday.

Morgan captured three of the eight America relay championships, taking 440-yard title in 47.7 seconds, and the 800-yard title in 1:26.3. In addition, the Morgan freshman quartet won the Freshman Time Relay championship in 3:19.6.

Art Bragg won the 100- yard dash in 9.7 seconds, one-tenth of a second off the meet record, and Josh Culbreath took the 400-meter hurdles in 53.2 seconds to give Morgan two of the 12 individual championships.

Morgan missed making a triple in the big relay races when Howard Morgan, anchor runner, pulled up lame on the final leg of the one-mile relay championship, finishing third behind Manhattan College and Michigan University but beating out Oklahoma A.M.

Bragg, 1952 Olympian, was Morgan's standout performer. He anchored the 440 and 880 foursomes and had to run a qualifying heat in the morning 100-yard sprint besides the three championship races on the afternoon program.

Scores 7,235 Points To Annex Crown

Star Athlete Captures Five Of Ten Events

PLAINFIELD, N. J.—Coming through as expected, Milt Campbell, the pride and joy of this city located in the rolling hills of New Jersey, chalked up a total of 7,235 points here Friday and Saturday to win the national AAU Decathlon championship.

A roaring throng of 6,000 Plainfield residents watched as Campbell, who played shadow o record-shattering Bob Mathias throughout the last Olympic year and in the games themselves, finally broke through on his third try in the gruelling event.

HOWEVER, in annexing his first triumph, Campbell fell far short of Mathias' world record of 7,887 points, but the 7,235 he registered were the best he ever recorded and far ahead of the total listed by the Rev. Bob Richards, 1951 national champion, who finished second with 6,456 points.

Midway through the ten-event competition, Campbell had amazed the spectators by rolling up 4,370 points —three more than Mathias, who did not defend his title this year, had tallied at the same stage in last year's Olympics. But he couldn't keep up the prospective record-breaking pace, even though he wound up Saturday's four-hour competition with a fifth victory when he captured fifth with 5,- spurt in the closing 1,500 me- the 110-meter high hurdle in 797 points. er event. 14.3 seconds.

Jim Cooke, of Peekskill, N. Y., a Pfc. stationed at Fort Jack- son, S. C., placed third with 6,086 points. Joel Shankle of Duke University finished fourth only in the broad jump, with 5,999 points and George

FRIDAY, Campbell won four of the five events—the 100-meter dash, shot put, high jump, and 400-meter run, missing victory in the broad jump. Saturday, he chalked up his

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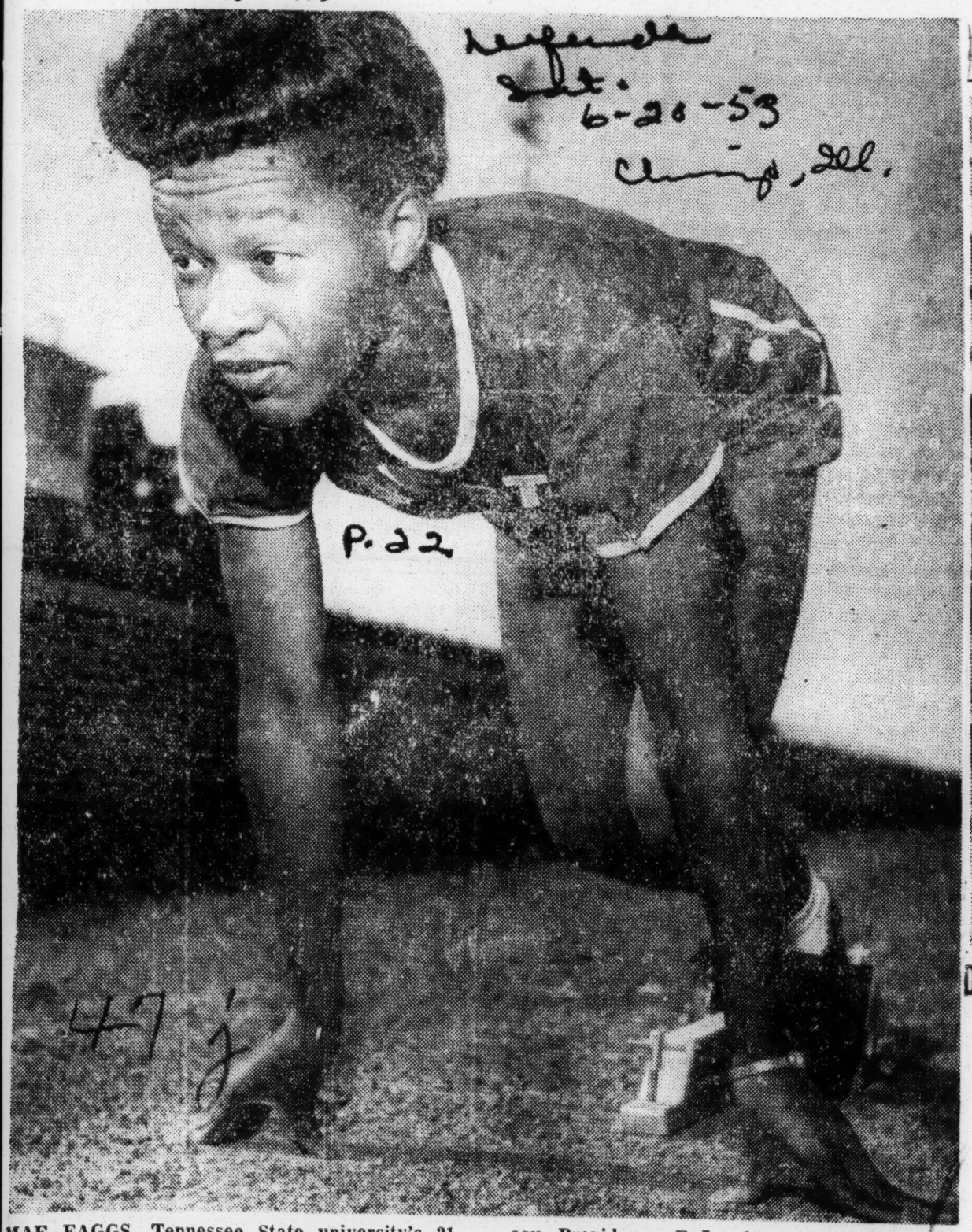
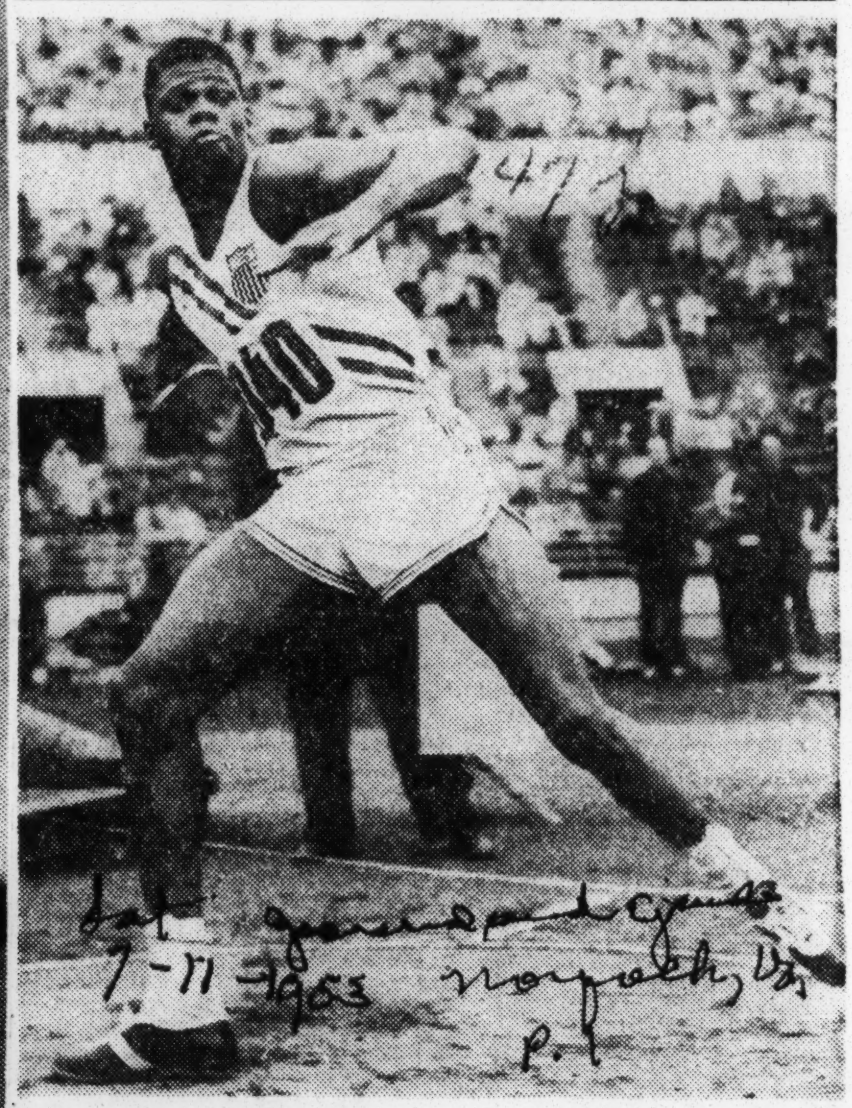


MAE FAGGS, Tennessee State university's 21-year-old freshman Olympic star from Bayside, N. Y., set a new Mid-Atlantic AAU track meet record Saturday, running the 100 yard dash in 11.2 seconds. Mae, holds the Mid-Atlantci's 100 meter broke the record set by Janet Mor eau, Providence, R. I., of 11.7, set in 1951. Both Mae and Janet were on the 1952 U. S. Olympic relay team. Cynthia Thompson, Tennessee State sophomore from Jamaica, finished a split second behind Miss Faggs in the 100 yard dash in the meet at Harrisburg, Pa.

Pride Of Plainfield, N. J.



DECATHLON CHAMPION — Milton Campbell, of Plainfield, New Jersey, became the first colored athlete to win the national AAU Decathlon championship last week when he rolled up a total of 7,235 points last weekend in the gruelling two-day event. In winning the coveted title, Campbell came in first in five of the ten events to finish ahead of a field that included pole vault star, the Rev. Bob Richards, who was runner-up with 6,456 points.

The New York Times

CLEARING LAST HURDLE IN 110-METER RACE: Milt Campbell of Plainfield High School Booster Club, going over barrier on way to winning the event yesterday at the thirty-fifth national decathlon championship meet in New Jersey.

Campbell Captures U.S. Decathlon Title

By MICHAEL STRAUSS

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

PLAINFIELD, N. J., July 4—Milton Campbell, who was graduated from a local school last month, played an important role in Plainfield's Independence Day celebration today. He did it by collecting a total of 7,235 points to win the thirty-fifth national decathlon championship. It was a triumph well received by the home folks.

All in all, this was a gala day for Plainfield. In keeping with the holiday spirit, this morning a huge parade was held along Watchung Avenue. Tonight an elaborate fireworks display was staged at Green Brook Park. But, in the afternoon, Campbell provided the high spot of the day for many of his townsmen by being the fourth best athlete ever to compete in the decathlon.

As expected, Bob Richards, national indoor pole-vaulting champion, who was decathlon champion two years, was closest to the Plainfield star at the finish. The high-flying parson from Long Beach, Calif., came up with a total of 6,456 points to gain the runner-up berth. After him were Pvt. James Cooke, now stationed at Fort Jackson, with 6,086; Joel Shankle, Duke University junior, with 5,995, and George Wisenfeldt of the Washington A. C. of Seattle, with 5,797.

A crowd of 6,000 was on hand to see Campbell do his stuff and the strapping 6-foot, 4-inch 220-pound 18-year-old Negro did not disappoint it. The local athlete added to the 717-point edge he held following yesterday's competition by winning the hurdle test. After that, he had little trouble remaining in front.

The most important spectators in the crowd to Campbell, however, were members of his family. His mother was seated in the stands at midfield along with his father, two uncles, two aunts and several nieces and nephews. And, after the official tally had been made known Campbell went over the fence that bordered the outer fringe of the running track and lifted his mother over it. Then he kissed her.

To Campbell, the victory was the realization of an ambition cherished since last year when he finished second to Mathias in the National Amateur Athletic Union competition at Tulare, Calif., and in the subsequent Olympic games at Helsinki. This time, Mathias presented no problem. He did not compete, having just been married

Had the Californian participated Mathias might have stood in Campbell's way again. A comparison of the figures in the 1952 national event showed that Mathias would have had the best of it if he even approached last year's showing. Mathias tallied 7,825 points last year, a 590 edge in points over Campbell's figures for yesterday and today.

But there was no disputing Campbell's great all-around performance. He added to his four victories in five events yesterday by launching today's drive with a triumph in the 110-meter hurdles. He placed second to Cooke in the discus with an effort of 134 feet 4½ inches. Then he leaped 11 feet 11¾ inches in the pole vault—the best of his career; threw the javelin 156 feet 8¼ inches and ran the 1,500 meters in 5:22.1.

The only event in which the Plainfield stalwart failed to show to advantage was in the distance run, last on the program. He merely loped around the track for the most part, finishing with a burst at the end. He was a weary figure after the grind and he writhed in pain as he crossed the finish line. He quickly recovered, however.

At the end of seven events it almost was a certainty that Campbell had put the title away. He boasted more than a thousand-point bulge over Cooke, his nearest rival, at that point. This confidence was shared by most observers despite the fact that the pole vault, the event in which Richards was due to shine, was coming up.

Richards, who has done 15 feet or better in competition forty-seven times, couldn't hit that height today. He was stopped at 14 feet 8 inches. This, nevertheless, made a big dent in Campbell's lead. But the inroad proved to be hardly noticeable in view of the Plainfield lad's big advantage.

Three invitation events during lulls in the decathlon proved highly entertaining. The winners were Bob Carty of the New York Pioneers, Fred Dwyer, New York Athletic Club, and Jim Lea of the Los Angeles A. C.

Carty was clocked in 0:31.1 in the 300-yard test, beating Josh Culbreath of Morgan State. Dwyer, a front-runner throughout, took the mile from Gordon McKenzie of the Pioneers and Lee won from George Rhoden in 0:48.5.

Only Mathias, who holds the world record of 7,887 points; Glen Morris and Bob Richards have higher totals in the books, to the one achieved by Campbell today. Campbell missed Richards' best, made two years ago, by only 4 points.

Advice From the Stands

Signs of the times: Apparently this jet-propelled era is having its effect on local residents. When Campbell missed on his first pole vault try at 12 feet, one of his supporters was heard to yell from the stands, "next time, Milt, try it without the pole." He didn't take the advice. He did the easier way. He used the pole and made it.

Apparently the decathlon is conducive to a spirit of helpfulness. It was the rule rather than the exception to see competitors who were strong in a particular event offering advice to those not quite so competent. Richards, for example, encouraged some of the pole vaulters by giving a suggestion or two after a miscue. Others did the same in some of the other tests.

There was little doubt that the hometown crowd was pulling for Campbell to win. But Richards came in for a great deal of encouragement. The California parson, on behalf of the competitors, spoke to the crowd while taking a rest after missing his second pole vault try at 15 feet. He was watched closely after that—and the spectators rooted for him—but for second. Campbell was their boy.

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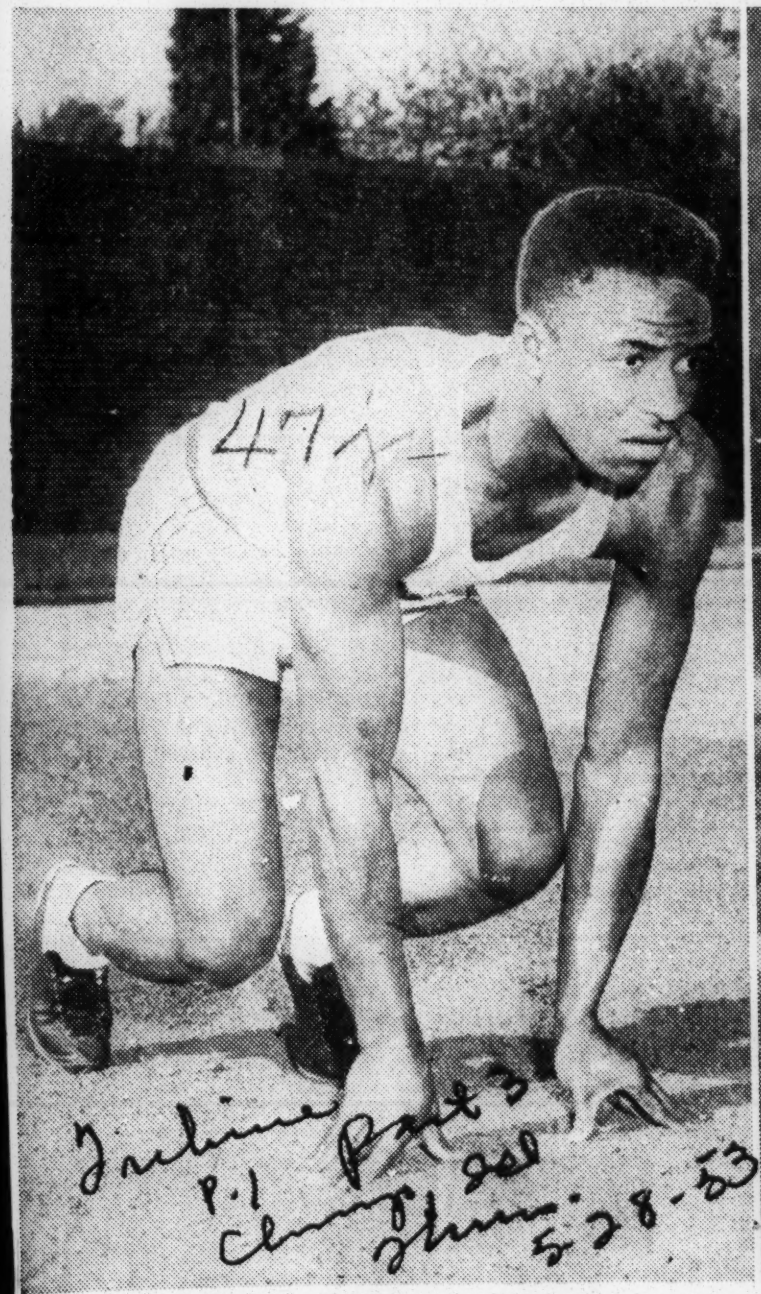
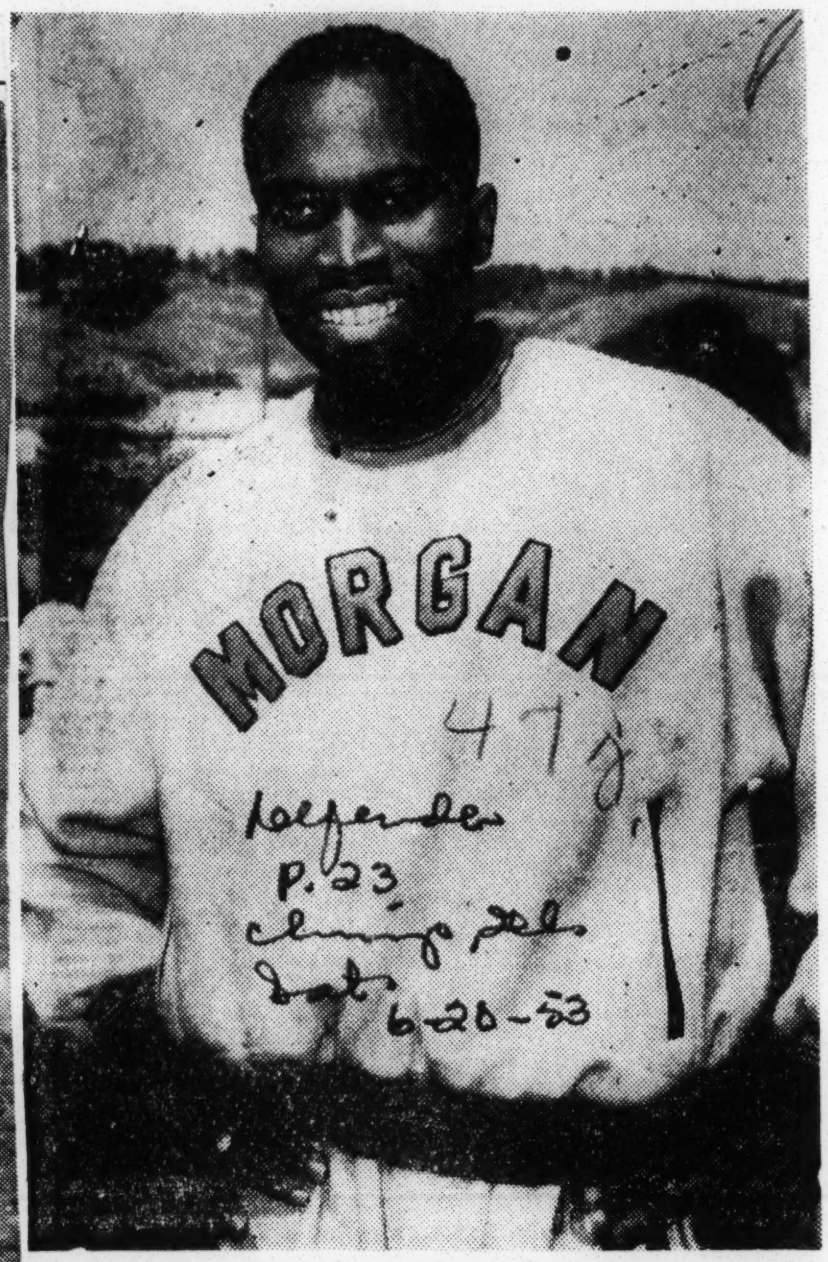
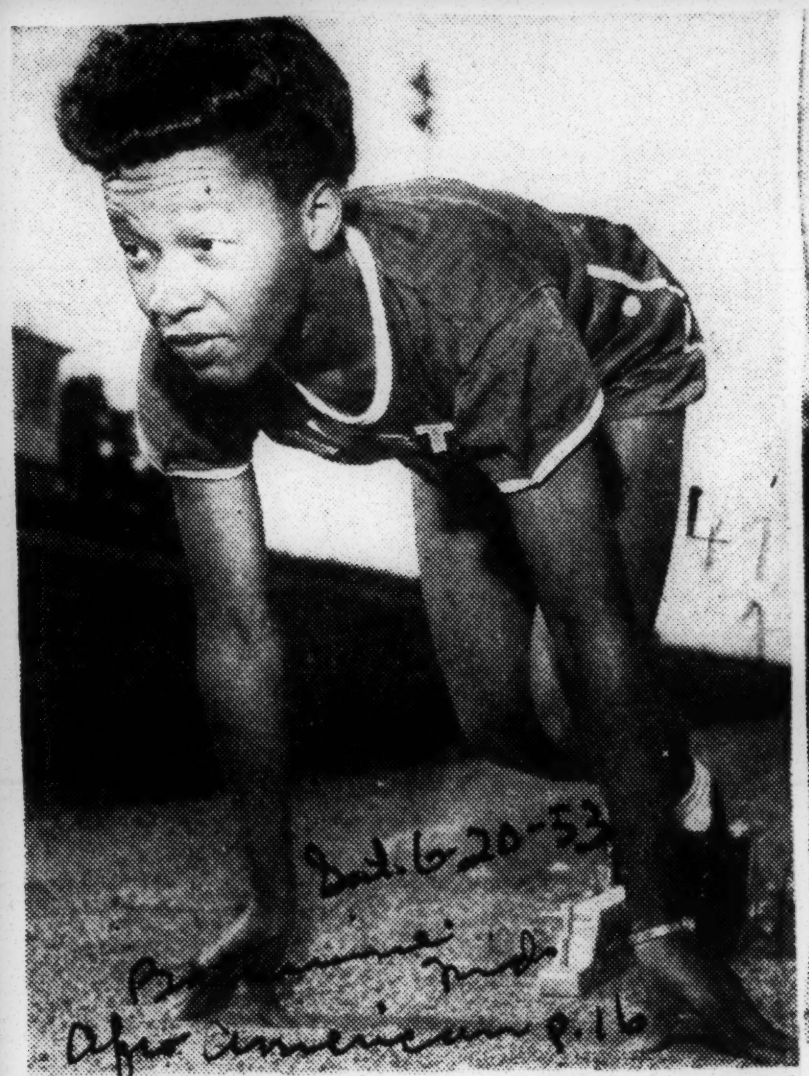
HOPE TO RETAIN BIG 10 TRACK TITLES



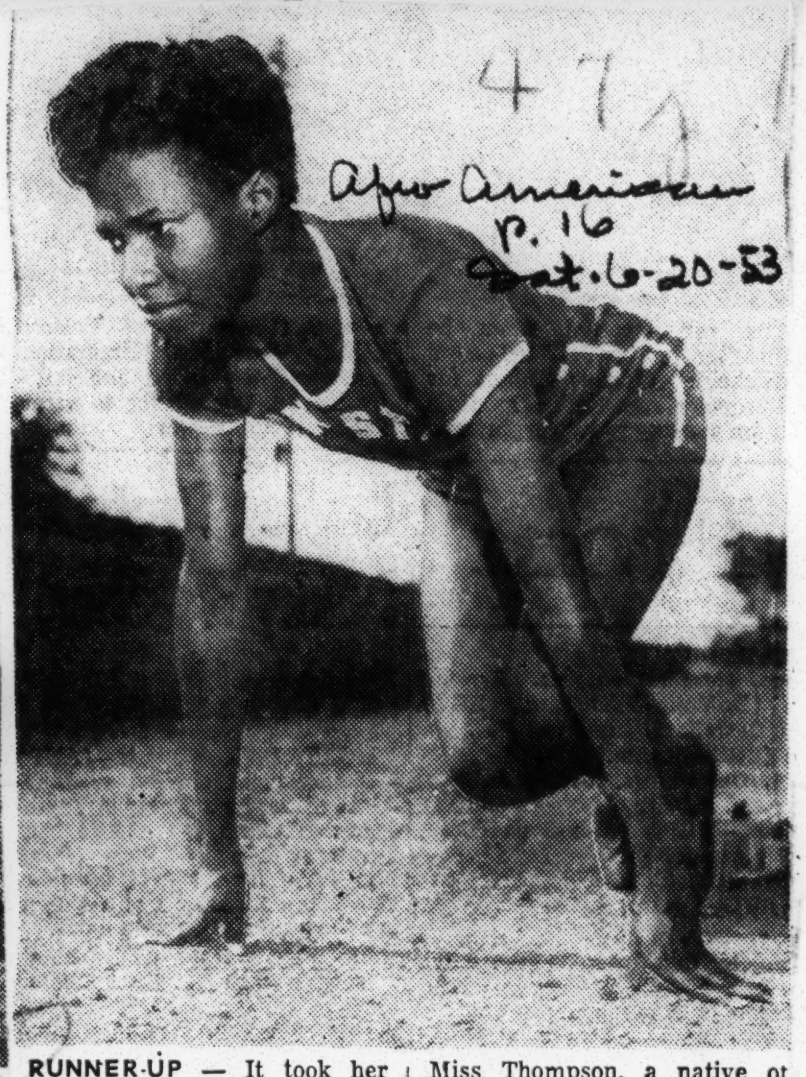
Big Ten track champions who will defend their titles in the Western conference meet tomorrow and Saturday in Memorial stadium in Champaign, Ill., include Willie Williams (left) of the University of Illinois and Rich Ferguson of Iowa. Williams won the 220 yard dash last year in Ann Arbor, Mich., in :21.7, while Ferguson won the two mile run in 9:19.



GEORGE RHODEN, former Morgan State college crack runner, will defend his National AAU 400-meters crown at Dayton, O., next week. Rhoden, winner of the Olympic 400-meters title in Helsinki in 1952, will face a strong field, including Herb McKenley.



RECORD-BREAKER — Mae Faggs, diminutive swifty from Bayside, N.Y., cracked the Middle-Atlantic Women's AAU 100-yard dash record in winning the event for Tennessee State University at Harrisburg, Pa., Saturday. Miss Faggs covered the distance in 11.2 seconds, despite a water-logged track, thus clipping five-tenths off the mark hung up in 1951 by white Janet Moreau, of Providence, R. I. The Tiger Freshman was a member of the U.S. Olympic squad and ran on the women's 400-meter relay team which set a world record at Helsinki last July.



RUNNER-UP — It took her teammate, Mae Fagg's record-breaking 11.2 seconds to beat Cynthia Thompson, above, in the 100-yard dash finals of the women's Middle-Atlantic AAU track and field championships at Harrisburg, Pa., Saturday. Miss Thompson, a native of Jamaica and a member of the 1948 and 1952 Olympic teams from that country, was runner-up to her speedy New York running mate from Tennessee State University.

Mae Faggs Sets New Sprint Mark

HARRISBURG Pa. — Three Tennessee State University girls set one record and won five medals in the off-again-on-again Mid-Atlantic AAU track meet here, Saturday.

Tennessee's freshman Olympic star, Mae Faggs; 21-year - old sprinter from Bayside, N.Y., set a new meet record, running the 100-yard dash in 11.2 seconds. Mae, who holds the Mid Atlantic's 100-meter mark, broke the 11.7 record set by Janet Moreau, Providance, R.I., in 1951. Both Miss Faggs and Miss Moreau were on the 1952 US Olympic relay team that set two new world's records.

Janet Dicks Upset

Delayed by a driving rain and low temperatures, the slim meet crowd saw Tennessee sophomore Patricia Monsanto, Bayside, N.Y. upset U.S. Olympic team member, Janet Dicks, Harrisburg, by tossing the discus 115 feet to take first place.

The Monsanto-Dicks battle was the toughest contest of the meet. Both girls competed in the discus, javelin and shot put. Miss Dicks took first in the shot and javelin, while Monsanto took second in the javelin and third in the shot.

Cynthia Thompson Second

State also captured second place in the 100-yard dash. Cynthia Thompson, Tennessee sophomore from Jamaica, finished a split second behind her running mate, Miss Faggs.

Miss Thompson ran her trial heat in 11.5 seconds, thus shaving two seconds from the old record. Both Faggs and Thompson ran the 100 under the 1951 record time.

Tugerson, Minor Negro Star, Longs For Crack At Majors

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., July 8 (AP)—A modest 26-year-old Negro has compiled what may be the best won-lost record in the minor leagues in his first year in organized baseball.

James Tugerson, a fire-balling right-hander for the Knoxville Smokies of the Class D Mountain States League, has a 17-7 record with the season little more than half over.

Tugerson, center of a hot Cotton States League controversy earlier in the season, says he decided to take a fling at organized pro ball on the advice of Roy Campanella, Brooklyn's great Negro catcher.

The big hurler had been pitching several seasons for the Indianapolis Clowns, an independent club. After the 1952 season, he told the Clowns he wouldn't be back and they disposed of him to Hot Springs, Ark., in the Cotton States loop.

Other teams in the eight-club Cotton States circuit, composed of towns in Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana, objected to the use of Negro players and Hot Springs officials, after some objections, shipped him to Knoxville.

Like all minor league players, Turgerson hopes to reach the majors.

He says Campanella, with whom he has done some post-season playing, advised him to start in the lower grade leagues and try to work up.

"I was willing to sacrifice a better salary to see if I could climb up in the organized leagues", says Tugerson.

Tugerson thinks he could win in a faster league.

"I'm sure I'm fast enough," he says. "I've pitched good ball against big leaguers, and I won with the Clowns. But I've got to improve my curve ball."

After the barnstorming tours in the fall, Tugerson and his wife and five children reside in Winter Haven, Fla., where he works as a hotel cook.

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BEATEN ONLY BY WHITFIELD:

'Hasty Henry' resumes duties after AAU tour

CAMP PICKETT, Va. — The Army's fleet footed private Henry Cryer of Chicago, Illinois, resumed his duties here this week after capturing many middle distance running honors in Europe this summer.

Army and all-service half mile champion, Cryer competed in European track meets during July and August under the auspices of the Amateur Athletic Union. Running in eight meets, Cryer won five 800 and 400 meter contests in races against the best middle distance stylists of Europe and the United States.

Only track ace to beat "Hasty Henry," as he was dubbed by his teammates, was two-time Olympic champion and world record holding half miler, Mal Whitfield. The Grand Street Boys Club star dodged Cryer in three runnings of the 800 meter event.

HENRY CRYER

Both Break Record

When they competed on July 29 in Cologne, Germany, both Cryer and Whitfield broke the latter's Olympic 800 meter record of 1:49.2. Whitfield sped over the distance in 1:48.4, while Cryer was second in a 1:49 performance. The world mark is 1:46.6, and the American record, 1:48.6.

Cryer was named a member of the AAU squad after sweeping every Army half mile title at the Medical Replacement Training Center here. After three other meets, Cryer captured the All-Army and all - service 880 yard dash championships at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Then he finished second to Whitfield in the AAU half mile at Dayton, Ohio, and later ran the third leg for an Army 2900 meter relay squad that set a new American record.

Tops In Midwest

While a Chicago high school and University of Illinois student Cryer was one of the top runners in the Middle West. But he found that basic training in the Army was a better conditioner for track competition than constant schoolboy practice. Although he had completed basic only a month before he ran in the Dayton AAU meet, his time there of 1:51.6 was one and three tenths of a second faster than any that he had marked up in college.

Cryer, who is now assigned to the training aids section of the MRTC's Second Regiment, ran in Europe against competitors from Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Japan, the Netherlands, Sweden, Norway, Belgium, and the United States. The touring AAU squad was entered in meets in Dusseldorf, Stutgart, Colgne, Solingen, Berlin, and Hanover, Germany, and Torino and Brescia, Italy.

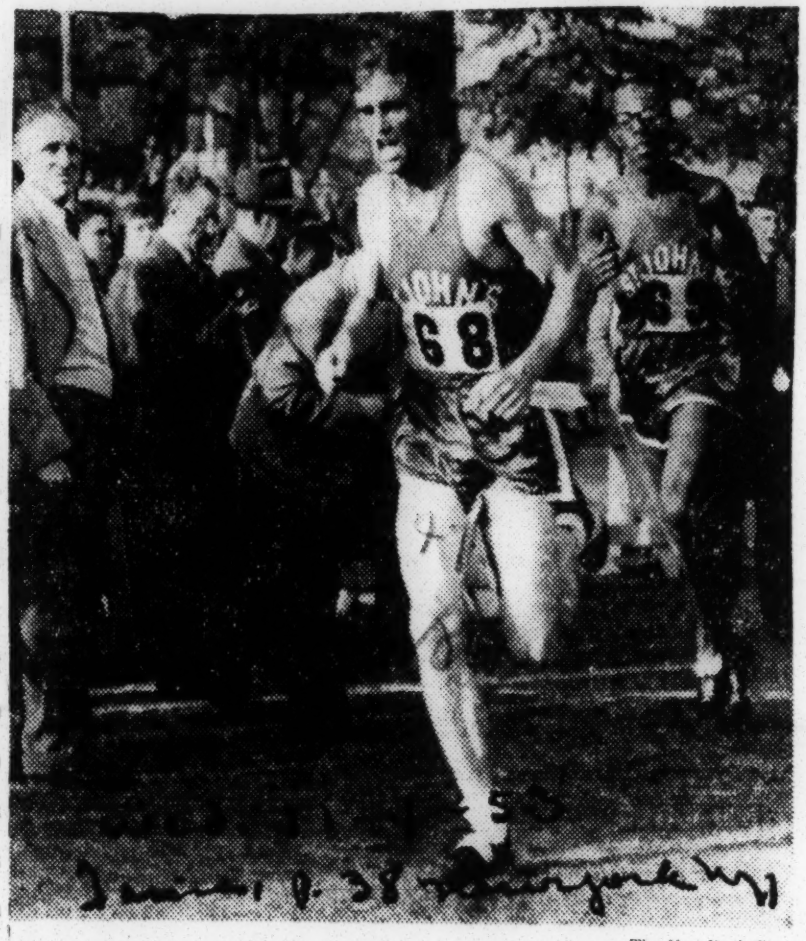
The huge gatherings at the meets — 40,000 in Berlin and 35,000 in Cologne — were the most impressive part of the European tour to Cryer. "The people over there really go all out for sports," he said. "After soccer, track is the most important sport and they get pretty enthusiastic about it. Still, I'm glad to be home."

Now, Cryer's outdoor running is apparently over for the season. He has beaten almost every top middle distance man in the world except Whitfield. Tired of looking at Whitfield's heels, Cryer has hopes next year of overtaking his arch antagonist. At least Cryer can take comfort from knowing that he came closer in Europe than anyone else to beating the incomparable Whitefield.

Cryer is the son of Mrs. Mattie Cryer of 5849 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Cryer's European record follows: (Times are those of Cryer, not necessarily the winning times)

Dusseldorf, Germany — won 800 meters — Time: 1:51.3.
Stuttgart, Germany — won 800 meters — Time: 1:50.8.
Torino, Italy — won 800 meters — Time: 1:49.7.
Brescia, Italy — won 400 meters — Time: 49.4.
Cologne, Germany — second in 800 meters — Time: 1:49.
Solingen, Germany — won 440 yard dash — Time: 49.
Berlin, Germany — second in 800 meters — Time: 1:51.2.
Hanover, Germany — second in 800 meters — Time: 1:49.9.



The New York Times

A REDMAN SHOWS THE WAY: Jim Byrne of St. John's leading the field at the three-mile marker in yesterday's five-mile varsity race in the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Track and Field Association's cross-country championships at Van Cortlandt Park. Second is a team-mate, Don Townsend.

ST. JOHN'S MEN RUN FIRST AND SECOND

Byrne Scores for Redmen, but Manhattan Team Wins Metropolitan Laurels

By JOSEPH M. SHEEHAN

Jim Byrne and Don Townsend staged a one-two finish for St. John's but the Redmen yielded the team title to a better balanced Manhattan squad in the twenty-seventh annual Metropolitan Intercollegiate cross-country championship at Van Cortlandt Park yesterday.

In recapturing the crown they had won five years in a row prior to their 1952 defeat by St. John's, George Eastment's Jaspers put their five scoring runners within the first eleven places. This gave them 42 points, 10 fewer than St. John's, which was tied for second by New York University, Fordham had 94 points, Columbia 101; City College did not finish a full team.

Manhattan's Van away with the freshman honors. James Doulin led a Jasper sweep of the first four places as the Green cubs scored 26 points, to 41 for Fordham and 76 for St. John's.

Leaders Never Headed

Byrne, 21-year-old senior from Babylon, L. I., and Townsend, a 19-year-old sophomore from Elizabeth, N. J., took charge at the start of the five-mile varsity race, which drew a field of thirty-nine and never were headed.

They alternated in setting the pace for the first three miles. Then Townsend broke away to a twenty-five yard lead. But Byrne caught his team-mate on the laborious ascent of Cemetery Hill in the fourth mile and breezed home unchallenged on the final tour of the flats.

Nearly 10 yards in front at the finish, the long-striding redhead was clocked in the fast time of 25 minutes 47.5 seconds. Townsend had a generous furlong on George King, N. Y. U. sophomore from Boston who won the 1952 Intercollegiate A. A. A. A. freshman title—an honor also captured by Byrne in his cub year.

DeBraggio Places Fourth

Jim DeBraggio, in fourth place, paced the victorious Manhattan contingent. Bruce Lockerbie of N. Y. U.; William Zboray, Columbia's leader, and Vin Chiapetta, N. Y. U., followed. Manhattan then settled the team fight by putting across Charles Sanaga, Bob Goodwin, Bob Kubic and Bill St. Clair in the next four places.

In the three-mile freshman race, Doulin, an 18-year-old from Vincentian Academy in Albany, won by ninety yards in 15 minutes 47.2 seconds. Gerard Malloy,

Herb Zipper of St. John's won the five-mile junior varsity test conducted after the varsity chase.

THE ORDER OF FINISHES

VARSITY RACE

		Time
1.	James Byrne, St. John's	25:47
2.	Donald Townsend, St. John's	26:02
3.	George King, N. Y. U.	26:43
4.	James DeBraggio, Manhattan	26:51
5.	Bruce Lockerbie, N. Y. U.	26:52
6.	William Zboray, Columbia	27:11
7.	Vincent Chiapetta, N. Y. U.	27:12
8.	Charles Sahaga, Manhattan	27:21
9.	Robert Goodwin, Manhattan	27:33
10.	Robert Kubic, Manhattan	27:41
11.	William St. Clair, Manhattan	27:42
12.	Val Simons, Fordham	27:58
13.	Richard Russell, St. John's	28:10
14.	Albion Fitzgerald, Fordham	28:14
15	William Napolitano, N. Y. U.	28:16
16.	Thomas O'Brien, C. C. N. Y.	28:21
17	Robert Lingner, St. John's	28:24
18.	Wilfred Stotz, Columbia	28:36
19.	James Enright, Manhattan	28:38
20.	Rosario Ramatta, Manhattan	28:39
21.	Michael Mahoney, St. John's	28:44
22.	Frank Tarsney, Fordham	28:48
23.	Raymon Lopez, N. Y. U.	28:49
24	Walter Koscher, Fordham	28:50
25.	John Eufemio, Fordham	28:58
26.	Eugene Forsyth, C. C. N. Y.	29:04
27.	Leo Glass, Columbia	29:13
28.	Fred Schlereth, Columbia	29:32
29.	Paul Zweig, Columbia	29:39
30.	Patrick Malloy, Fordham	29:42
31.	Paul Pavlides, C. C. N. Y.	29:48
32.	Bruce Cook, Columbia	30:29
33.	John Ahern, St. John's	30:51
34.	Arthur Lewis, St. John's	30:52
35	David Nouroh, C. C. N. Y.	31:32
36.	Robert Hess, N. Y. U.	32:44
37.	Charles Silcock, N. Y. U.	33:25

TEAM SCORES

Manhattan, 4-8-9-10-11 (18, 19)	42
St. John's, 1-2-13-16-20 (30, 31)	52
N. Y. U., 3-5-7-15-22 (32, 33)	52
Fordham, 12-14-21-23-24 (28)	94
Columbia, 6-17-25-26-27 (29)	101

C. C. N. Y. did not finish full team.

FRESHMAN RACE

1.	James Doulin, Manhattan	15:47
2.	Gerard Malloy, Manhattan	16:01
3.	Andrew DePhillips, Manhattan	16:05
4.	Paul Rios, Manhattan	16:13
5.	Robert Heller, St. John's	16:15
6.	Edward McGuirk, Fordham	16:17
7.	John Curran, Fordham	16:25
8	Norman Holden, Fordham	16:40
9.	Edward Kilkelly, Fordham	16:41
10.	Issac Matza, N. Y. U.	16:49
11.	Lawrence Horne, Fordham	16:50
12.	Stephen Taracidio, Fordham	16:58
13.	Roy Richey, St. John's	16:59
14.	Robert Brownlie, St. John's	17:03
15.	Stanley Fitzgerald, Fordham	17:07
16.	Gerard Nutting, Manhattan	17:10
17.	Donald Clarick, Columbia	17:21
18.	Roger Gilbert, Columbia	17:24
19.	Bernard Martin, St. John's	17:32
20.	Charles McGinn, Columbia	17:41
21.	John Colvin, Columbia	17:48
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27.	Patrick Maden, N. Y. U.	18:19
28	Donald Dolin, Columbia	18:24
29.	Stewart Chodosch, N. Y. U.	18:46
30.	Ray Gillian, N. Y. U.	18:59
31.	Stephen Bartol, St. John's	19:19
32.	Junius Bryant, St. John's	19:30
33.	Ronald Eitzler, N. Y. U.	19:53
34.	Arnold Berkowitz, N. Y. U.	21:01
35.	Richard Ostendorf, Manhattan	21:18

TEAM SCORES

Manhattan, 1-2-3-4-16	26
Fordham, 6-7-8-9-11	41
St. John's, 5-13-14-19-25	76
Columbia, 17-18-20-21-23	99
N. Y. U.	120

McKenley quits amateur ranks for pro title meet

MELBOURNE, Australia — Herb McKenley, generally regarded one of the best all-round runners in the track sport, has been entered in the world professional spring championships, slated for this city early next year.

The flashy Jamaican was runner up in two Gold Medal events in the 1952 Olympic Games and is a holder of the world record for 440 yards.

McKenley was second in the 100 meters and the 400 meters at the Helsinki Olympics. He is due to reach Melbourne to start his preparation Dec. 5. The "world" title will be decided on points over four events — 75 yards, 100 yards, 130 yards and 220 yards.

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In Bendigo Feature

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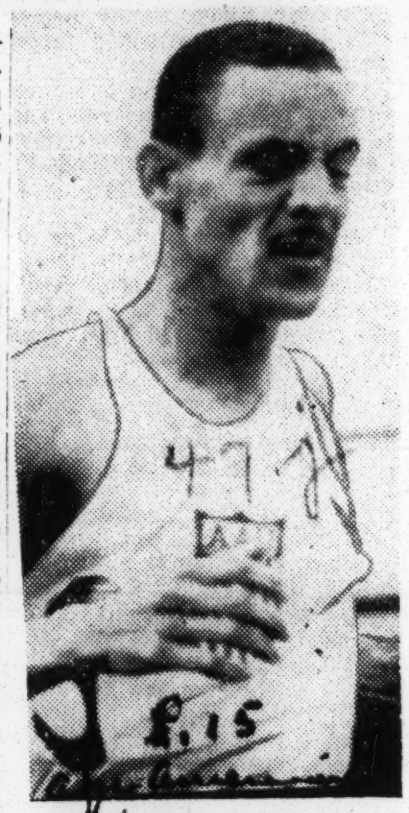

AWARD CANDIDATE—Mal Whitfield, two-time Olympic 800-meter champion, last week was named the outstanding athlete in the New York area by the Metropolitan AAU, thus becoming eligible for consideration for the 1953 Sullivan Award. No colored athlete has ever won the coveted prize, considered the highest honor for an amateur athlete.

Gets Distinguished Service Award

Harrison Dillard Honored by Cleveland's Junior Chamber of Commerce

CLEVELAND, Ohio—Harrison Dillard, Cleveland's 1948 and 1952 Olympic track champion, was honored by the local Junior Chamber of Commerce, on Thursday night, as Paul Shine, chief of the local office of the FBI, presented him with the Distinguished Service Award of the JCC for 1952.

Dillard, a native Clevelander and local scholastic and collegiate star at East Technical High and Baldwin-Wallace College, who rose to be the only man to win gold medals as an Olympic sprinter and hurdler, setting or equaling records in both events, was praised as an "outstanding athlete who has brought distinction to his community and his country, exhibiting, at all times, humility and the highest concepts of sportsmanship." The citation also read, in part, "In recognition of his renown as an athlete, outstanding civic leader, ambassador of democracy and Christian principle."

Easily the community's most outstanding young man, Dillard is active on the Cleveland Urban League Education Committee, the Board of Directors of the Cleveland Church Federation, and the Northeastern Ohio Amateur Athletic Association. A member of the Ohio Boxing Commission, Dillard is also a member of the Cleveland Indians baseball club public relations staff.

Dillard has been a popular speaker before church, youth and YMCA groups, not only because of his stellar athletic career but also because of his wonderful personality and outstanding character.

In response to being honored as Cleveland's most outstanding young man of 1952 by an impartial committee at the annual Bosses' Banquet at the Allerton Hotel, Dillard said, "When one is recognized by his fellow citizens, it means far more than anything a man can accomplish by his own physical or mental efforts." More than 600 persons, the largest crowd ever to attend the annual banquet, gave Dillard a standing ovation as he received the plaque and medal from Shine. It was the fifteenth such award.

Timber Ace Cops 27th In Row Whitfield Ties World Mark

Art Bragg Also Triumphs In Hub Meet; Browne Defeated

BOSTON — Harrison Dillard, the worlds premier timber-topper for the last seven years, continued his unbroken string of hurdles victories for the indoor season here Saturday night when he soared home first in the 45-yard fence event in the Boston AA Games.

The win, achieved before 13,584 howling fans at Boston Gardens, was the 27th straight for the 1952 Olympic champion, and his 39th in a row on the local boards.

Also extending the terrific pace he has set for himself in the middle distances, Mal Whitfield, another U.S. winner at Helsinki, captured the 600-yard run and equalled the world record of 1:10.2 in the accomplishment. The stellar former airforce ace, now running for the Grand Street Boys Association, won by four yards from his friend and teammate, Herb McKenley.

Bragg Beats Conwell

Third tan winner of the night was Art Bragg, of Morgan State College, Baltimore, who copped the 50-yard dash in a stirring battle with former champ Eddie Conwell.

Roscoe Browne, the spindly college professor and former national AAU indoor champion, bowed in the 1,000-yard run to Carl Joyce, white star from Georgetown university, Washington. Brown, after taking the lead with two-and-a-half laps to go, wilted and wound up third to Joyce and Lawton Lamb, also white, ex-Illinois harrier.

Roscoes teammate, Reggie Pearman, finished fourth in the event.

Pratt, Campbell Follow

In stretching his hurdles superiority, Dillard beat Charley Pratt, of Manhattan College, and Milt Campbell, Plainfield, N.J. high school boy, in that order

The victors time of 5.5 seconds matched the meet record for the affair.

Chasing Whitfield across the finish line in what was also the fastest time he has ever run the distance, McKenley was caught in a sizzling 1:10.7 for the 600 yards.

Although the slender Jamaican was at his best, he was no match for the long - striding Ohioan. Herbie was five-tenths off the clocking hung up by the late Johnny Borican in 1941, and which Whitfield was in the process of tying.

Stanfield Scratched

Braggs triumph was a hair-line margin over the steadily improving Conwell and, ironically, it was chiefly due to the fact he beat Eddie off the starting blocks that the young Baltimorean gained the decision. Conwell is famed for his bullet - like breaks and Bragg has found starting his most troublesome task in three years of major competition.

Andy Stanfield, winner of the Millrose dash at Madison Square Garden two days previously, was favored to take down the spring spoils here. However, he was reported ill a few hours before check-in time and had to be scratched from the sheet.

Arnold Betton, of Drake University and a member of the U.S. Olympic team last summer, could get no better than fifth in the high jump.

Dillard out for record-breaking 7 straight in nat'l AAU indoors

NEW YORK — Harrison Dillard, world's alltime greatest hurdler, will seek an unprecedented 7th straight 60-yd. high hurdles title at the 64th National Indoor AAU championships at Madison Square Garden here on Valentine Day.

Dillard, world record holder, two-time Olympic champ, and winningest hurdler of all time, will be the only man in AAU history to win 7 straight titles of any kind if he repeats in his specialty Feb. 14.

M'KENLEY, RUNNER, TO COMPETE AS PRO

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Olympic Track Ace Scheduled to Take Part in Series of Sprints in Australia

Times

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TO RUN FOR CASH: Herb McKenley, who has turned pro and will race Down Under.

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By ARTHUR DALEY

Slightly Less Than Perfect

IT was natural for a distant observer to assume that professional foot racing in Australia was completely on the up-and-up. Otherwise, it was felt it would have died off just as the cash and carry sport died in this country back near the turn of the century. It was so stated in this space. But it ain't necessarily so.

A letter recently arrived from Joseph Galli of Victoria in Australia, one of the best known track authorities Down Under. With disconcerting frankness it punctured those idealistic theories quite rudely. Both the original column and the letter of comment were brought back to mind when Herb McKenley, the Olympian from Jamaica, B. W. I., was beaten in his professional debut near Melbourne the other day. The Galli observations exclude by inference the visiting stars and apply only to the homebreds. Here is what he has to say:

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"The authorities here do try to keep the sport clean. But no professional runner is always a 'trier.' It is the usual thing to 'run dead' until you get a good mark or handicap and then go all out for the big win.

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Delayed Coup

"Like horse racing, pro running is shot full of trickery. Wherever gambling exists—and pro running would die in a day without it—trickery is inevitable. The stakes or prizes don't go very high and the only way a fellow can clean up is to bet on himself.

"In my own experience, I've known three fellows who waited two years or more for the right mark, never going all out in their best efforts during that time. But when they were 'set' for the right race, they cleaned up and quit the game for good.

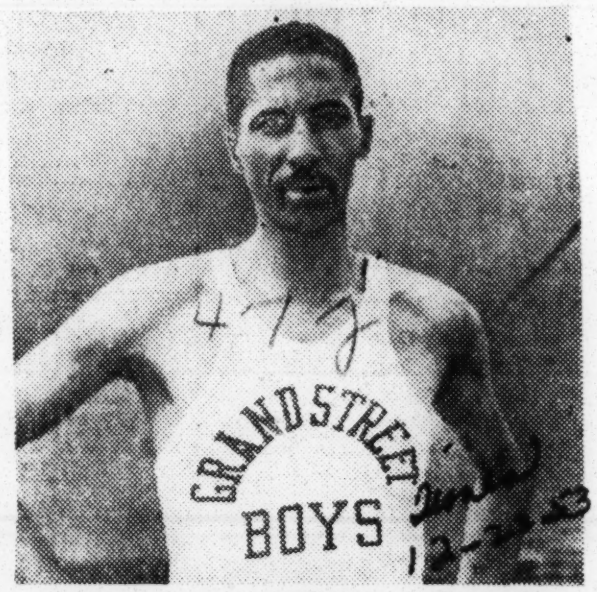
"Pro running is pretty well confined to the State of Victoria and mostly to the country towns. It has no future because, as amateurism expands, professionalism goes down.

"Pro running out here just isn't interesting—unless you are a betting man. More aggravating still is the fact that it's all handicap racing and the times registered are worthless. I'm a track fan and love delving among figures. Imagine how annoying it is to learn of a 4:08 mile, only to find that the bloke had a 130-yard handicap. He didn't race a mile at all.

Complete Clarification

"Pro supporters argue that their stars are world-beaters and all that. But the evidence proves our amateurs are far superior because they follow modern methods of training. If American coaches were to see the styles of our pro sprinters, they'd throw fits. Eddie Tolan, Barney Ewel and Lloyd LaBeach exploded such world-beating theories because they really whipped the local champs. And how!"

The original column on pro racing also spurred into action another foot-racing diehard, Henry Clune of Scottsville, N. Y. He artfully contrived to clear up one point that had puzzled this inno-



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Herb McKenley

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cent bystander for a long while. Here is what he had to say:

"I was surprised at the curiosity you expressed as to the reason why the Sheffield Handicap in England—as well as all major pro races—was run at the odd distance of 130 yards. As a former track and field writer you yourself certainly knew Tom Keane of Syracuse and Steve Farrell of Michigan, and perhaps Sid Peet, who formerly coached at Phillips Academy at Andover. All were old Sheffield sprinters.

"The old-timers figured that 130 yards was about as far as a scratch man could run without a falling away in speed. This meant that, if he was a competent performer, he would be running at the handicap men every yard of the way. He thus wouldn't need to ease off somewhere along the course in the 'float' that even Andy Stanfield probably grants himself in going 200 meters or 220 yards.

Ideal Distance

"Actually, 130 yards may be a truer sprinting test than 100 yards or 100 meters. But the American public, traditionally judging sprinters by the 10-second standard, could never be conditioned to accept it. Incidentally, I think that even before Jack Donaldson did 29 61/64 for 300 yards, a more notable professional, far before his era, also beat even time for the distance. I refer to the celebrated Harry Hutchins of England who was briefly in this country in the Eighties.

"Lon Myers of the old Knickerbocker Athletic Club was the greatest amateur of his day and reputedly a sound 10-second sprinter. During Hutchins' visit (according to what both Peet and Farrell once told me), the Englishman consented to run a secret trial with Myers at 100 yards, provided no watches were held on the performance. He spotted the amateur nine yards handicap and beat him to the string. If Myers ran up to form, that means Hutchins did inside 9 3/5 seconds.

"Hutchins must have been very good. I knew some of the old pros up around Boston years ago, who touched their hats at the mere mention of his name."

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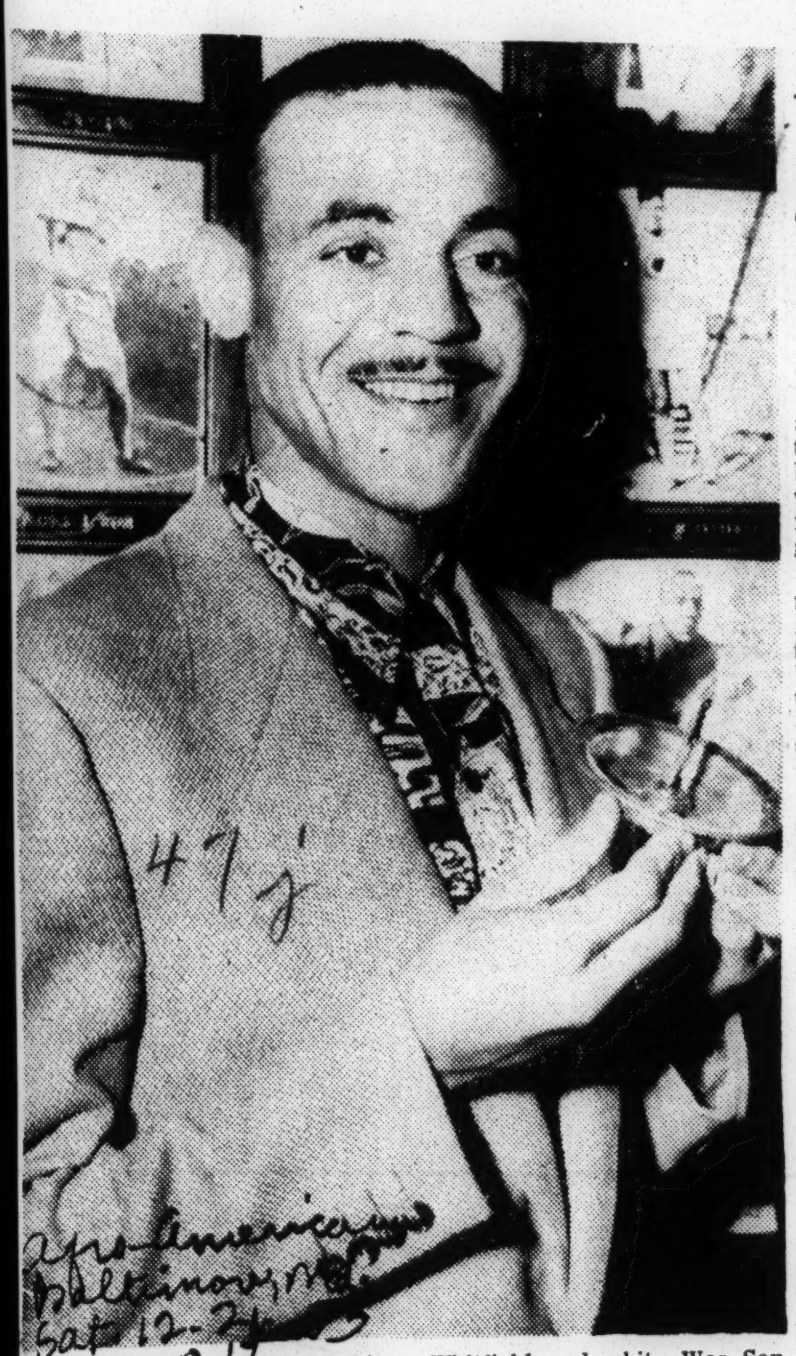
FIVE-YEAR-OLD — Ralph Metcalfe, Jr. casts a judicious eye on the wonders of California, weather and all, as he pays Los Angeles a first visit with his mother and the internationally famous Olympic Games ace of by-gone days.

Metcalfe, Sr., now a Chicago alderman, was among the thousands of Easterners and Midwesterners who came out for the Rose Bowl Game and the Santa Anita races.

Metcalfe attended college, Marquette university, in the state, Wisconsin, which gave USC its Rose Bowl victim for 1953. The family photographed here in their suite in the Watkins hotel was due to leave for home this weekend. (Wilcox photo)



ALL OVER THIS—Mal Whitfield, the world's greatest middle distance runner, exhibits a silver ash tray which he describes as "fancier than some I got" as evidence of the "pay" he received for appearing in exhibition track meets on his recent tour of Europe.

MAL TELLS HIS SIDE:

AAU official absolves Whitfield after probe

NEW YORK — Indications are that Mal Whitfield, two-times Olympic champion, will be cleared of charges which last week threatened to close his career as an amateur athlete in good standing.

Dan Ferris, national secretary of the Amateur Athletic Union, disclosed Friday that his office has received the report of Larry Houston, AAU representative in Los Angeles, who questioned Mal on his return to this country from an overseas trip last week.

Houston asserted that, after talking with Whitfield, he is of the opinion the track star is innocent of any wrongdoing.

Probed Two Charges

Houston said he investigated two specific charges against Whitfield. They were:

1 — That the athlete had refused to compete in a meet in Stockholm unless paid $200 plus an additional $300 if he broke a record. Actually, Houston said, Whitfield did not compete at all in that specific meet because he was ill and a doctor had ordered him not to don his spikes.

2 — The Washington, D. C. AAU charged that Whitfield failed to appear at a meet in the national capital in which he had been entered. Houston said that Whitfield had been ordered by the New York City AAU to appear in a meet there instead. Whitfield told Houston he returned to Washington the travel expense check which had been sent to him.

Whitfield and white Wes Santee, champion miler, were placed under scrutiny by the Amateur Athletic Union following their return to the U.S. Charges were that each violated the amateur rules by making demands that bordered on professionalism

Whitfield denied the charges emphatically and Houston, after questioning Whitfield at length, declared:

"It is my opinion that Whitfield is not guilty of such charges and I believe he had conducted himself completely in accordance with the rules and regulations of the AAU.

"I have known Mal for four or five years and have always found him to be a fine, worthy young man. I am greatly concerned with his athletic welfare in this case."

Mal Told his side of the story:

"In most instances the European athletic associations expect our American athletes to run; run! run! And if you don't live up to their expectations in each event, they're on you.

"They have fresh runners waiting for you every place you go, and their runners don't have to run every day or every other day as we did.

"If an American athlete is tired or ill, he must run or else receive negative criticism. On one occasion I had a sore throat. The doctor advised against my running and the team manager concurred.

"So what did they say? They said I wouldn't run because I wanted big prizes. That of course, wasn't true.

STRENUOUS TOUR

"On one stop I ran the 400 in 46.2, the 800 in 1:48.4 and a 46.1 relay lap. The following morning at 4:30 a.m. I caught a train, rode for five hours hopped a plane for four hours, and arrived in another country.

"Within one hour after my arrival I ran the 800 meters in 1:48.4, against fresh competition. Still they were angry with me because I didn't run the 400 or on the relay team.

"And what do you think the prizes were? Ashtrays, I don't smoke and I don't drink.

"All of the fellows asked for better prizes and because I agreed there were headlines in the papers the next day saying, "Whitfield asks for huge sums to compete in today's meet."

Whitfield said he and other athletes asked one prize, such as a good camera, instead of several lesser prizes offered in some of the meets. He added:

"The officials agreed to give us a good camera instead of the half dozen or so ash trays, but then refused to do so later.

"But it didn't make any difference, I ran anyhow and collected my ash trays.

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Two Negro Women Feature Mat Card Here At Auditorium

A pair of Negro women wrestlers, neither over 21, meet here Thursday night at City Auditorium to head up an action-packed card.

Ethel Johnson, 19, from Atlanta, who claims to be Negro world's champion, tackles Babs Wingo, 21, from New Orleans. Babs graduated from college only recently, a press handout says, but she has been wrestling for two years.

Also slated on the program are two best-of-three matches, with a 45-minute time limit each. Lee Fields and Walter Sirois will meet first and then Herb Welch and Rex Mobley will tangle.

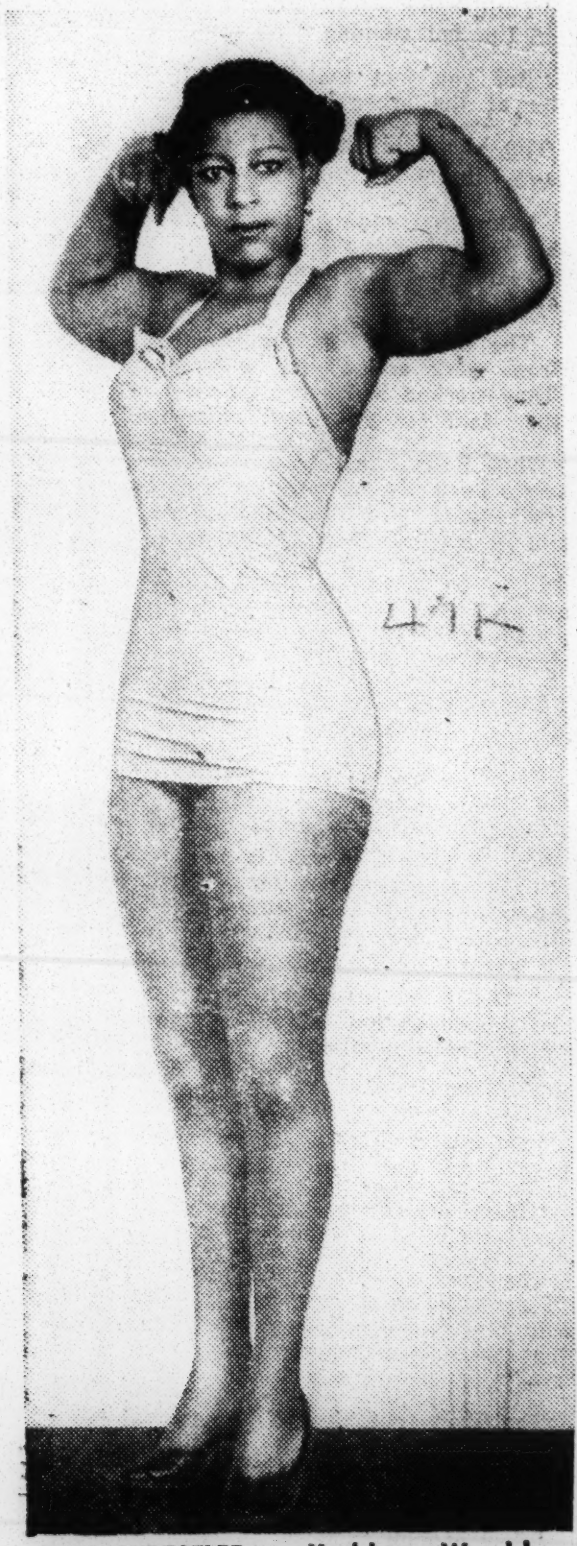
Fields, is a local favorite who, in spite of his age, has rolled up an impressive record here. Sirois appeared for the first time last week, when he lost to Tarzan White.

Herb is one of the famous Welch brothers who now operates the wrestling syndicate that books fighters in this region. Mobley's only chance will be the use of his famed flying cartwheel, and he'll be trying to lock Welch into it.

The entire balcony is being reserved for Negro fans and seats will sell for 65 cents. Regular admission prices will be charged for whites.

She's Wrestled Her Way To $10,000 Yearly Income

By BENNY RICHARDSON



GIRL WRESTLER — Kathleen Wembley who was undefeated during her first six months of her career. Her favorite hold is the airplane spin.

Generally speaking, and according to figure-and-fashion experts, muscles are not preferred in women. Firmness in certain areas, and trimness, yes, but there should be no competition with the almighty male in the matter of biceps and such.

That's generally speaking; it does not apply to Kathleen Wimbley, lady wrestler, who not only packs some pretty hefty biceps but also packs them in such a way that she is the envy of many of her fellow gals and the whistle-target of an equal number of men.

Kathleen Wimbley is a Columbus, Ohio, girl who has loved sports all her life. While a student at South High school, she captained a mixed girls basketball team, was president of the basketball club, was a member of the All-Star athletic club, and played volley ball, softball, and bowled.

Believe it or not, she also was not above stepping out on a sandlot football field to give the boys a tussle for their own game! Thus, when she heard of the big money to be made in girl wrestling, Kathleen was interested.

Making contact with Billy Wolfe, the Columbus agent who virtually controls "gal wrasslin'" in the United States, Kathleen was put on a training schedule at $25 a week.

She worked out with, and learned from, Wolfe's 60-odd girl wrestlers (a half-dozen colored). In a few weeks, Kathleen was ready to turn pro. That was two years ago. Today, Kathleen earns more than $10,000 annually and hopes some day not only to win the girl wrestling title from Mildred Burke but also to top Mildred's $50,000 annual income.

Lest it be forgotten that Kathleen is feminine, let it be recorded that she was a popular, honor student at South High school; is an accomplished musician, designs many pieces of her own clothing, and is, like other red-blooded American girls, waiting for "the right man" to come along.

She is 20 years old, stands five-feet-five, and tips the scales with 145 well-placed pounds.